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Pro-Lifer Wants Queer Nationals Aborted

A counter-demonstration was organized by Queer Nation of Sacramento to protest the pro-life rally at the Capitol on the day marking the 19th anniversary of Roe vs. Wade. The 35 demonstrators were confined to the sidewalks bordering the Capitol by the State Police to minimize contact between the two groups. It did not, however, prevent one encounter in which a male pro-life supporter walked past the marchers and said, "They should have aborted them (the pro-choice demonstrators)." One demonstrator tossed literature at the man's vehicle in response to this seemingly hypocritical statement. This act, in turn, caused the man to assert himself into the midst of the demonstrators where a shouting match ensued. The State Police quickly stepped in and separated the man from the group, took his statement and those of the witnesses and then escorted him to his vehicle. The demonstration continued as it had before where a woman was carried on a stretcher to graphically illustrate a victim of a back-alley abortion. Voices were raised, whistles blown, and makeshift drums were beat in an effort to drown out the 300 Traditional Values Coalition and Operation Rescue pro-life supporters as well as draw attention to their side of an issue where there seems to be no middle ground. ▼

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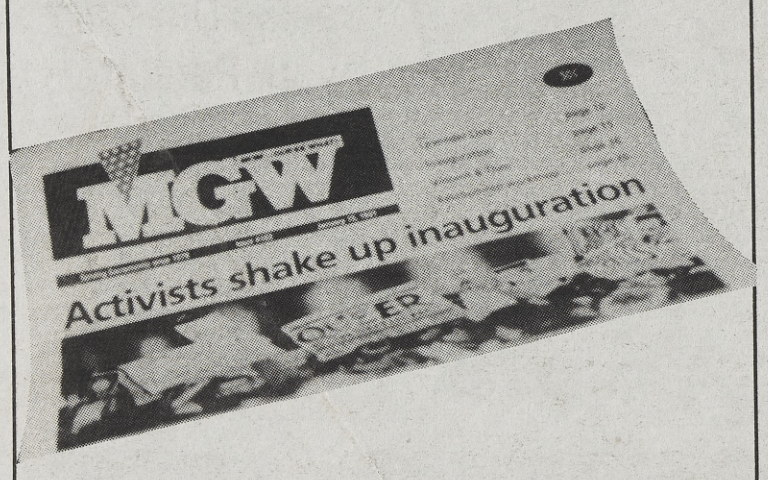

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Stan . . . His Life

The following letter was to MGW writer John Mello.

Dear John:

Thank you for dropping off the copies of Mom Guess What. You did a beautiful job, throughout the newspaper, of eulogizing Stan Hadden. The articles were most touching, human, and warm. It was a beautiful review of Stan, his life, and achievements.

With best wishes,

Anne Rudin
Mayor

Where are the Men?!

Editor:

In a recent issue I read where a man was expressing surprise that the "Lavender Angels," who protect the patrons of Sacramento's gay bars are almost 100% womyn.

I am not the ***least bit*** surprised. ***This is the norm.*** Womyn most ***always*** do the work while men benefit the rewards. You must be aware that the majority of gay bar "attendees" are men, and who is outside standing guard.

Recently I attended an AIDS vigil in Chico. A large percent of the concerned marchers were womyn. This is the corker—the mostly female candle-bearers walked past a local restaurant where about 40 gay men were feeding their faces and waved merrily at their friends as they walked by, marching in honor of people with AIDS. It would seem they couldn't be bothered to give their time or energy. In all fairness, there were some men marching who have given much to the cause, but the ratio is always off balance. Frankly, I was ashamed of those gay men in the restaurant, but one of the womyn explained it away by saying "Oh, that's their weekly ritual." Please, spare me.

By the way, the "Lavender Angels" do a great job. More power to them!

Lee Shaw

Check Out AAA!

Dear Editor:

I am writing to you to tell you of a plus for all your California State Automobile Association (AAA) members. Recently AAA agreed to allowing my lover to drop his towing card with them and be placed on my account as, GET THIS, a "spouse". This is newsworthy information for your readers. It only saves them about $38.00 per year, but it's the principle of it. If we can get more major businesses to get in line with AAA, then maybe a statewide domestic partnership law could be right around the corner. Of course, AAA asked that both of us be registered on the vehicles and that we both are insured with them, which we are. My spouse, I just love that word, and I have been on the same insurance policy for nearly eight years now. It's about time we get our lifelong commitment to each other recognized. I hope other AAA members take advantage of this too.

Gary G. Blake
James A. Cody

Straight Molesters

Dear Editor:

The following letter was mailed to Bill Bauman, News Director at Channel 3.

Dear Mr. Bauman,

I would like you to know how much I dislike the "tabloid" quality of some of your news stories. In particular, (Tuesday Jan. 14) 10pm newscast, which built up to a sleazy "exposé of a NAMBLA meeting in the S.F. Public Library. The way the story was teased and promoted, and the sensational tone of the piece in contrast to its lack of real news value (there was no crime or even breach of policy committed), was very distasteful in my opinion.

Rather than merely pandering to people's fears in order to grab ratings, I would appreciate it if you would present balanced information, such as that the vast majority of child molestation is done by heterosexual men against young girls, and that NAMBLA and its beliefs have almost ***no*** support in the lesbian and gay community. That's not to say that sleazy attacks like ***yours*** have support.

Abuses of children regrettably occur every day, in many forms. Instead of seeking solutions, your decision to make scapegoats of a small group of fanatics (for your own benefit) only serves to distort the public's perceptions (of child molestation, and of gays), and obscures the many ***real*** causes of child abuse.

Please leave this kind of reporting for *Hard Copy* or the *National Inquirer*.

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County Of Sacramento

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Antelope Community Planning Advisory Council	1/27/92	2/7/92	3 residents of area
Arden/Arcade Community Planning Advisory Council	Open Filing		4 residents of area
Board of Plumbing Examiners	1/27/92	2/7/92	3 members
Building Board of Appeals	Open Filing		7 members
Carmichael Community Planning Advisory Council	Open Filing		4 residents of area
Childrens Commission	Open Filing		1 youth member
Childrens Commission	2/3/92	2/14/92	5 seats
Cordova Community Planning	2/3/92	2/14/92	6 residents of area
Cosumnes Area Community Planning Advisory Council	Open Filing		3 residents of area
County Sanitation District Sewer Rate Advisory Board	Open Filing		3 members
County Service Area #4B (Wilton-Cosumnes)	Open Filing		3 residents of area
County Service Area #4C (Delta)	Open Filing		1 resident of area
County Service Area #4D (Herald-Alta Mesa)	Open Filing		3 resident of area
Developmental Disabilities Planning Council	Open Filing		6 seats
Elk Grove Community Planning Advisory Council	2/3/92	2/14/92	5 residents of area
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Mental Health Advisory Board	Open Filing		1 nurse 1 consumer
Mental Health Advisory Board	Open Filing		4 seats
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Natomas Community Planning Advisory Council	2/3/92	2/14/92	4 residents of area
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Fundie Minister Preaches "AIDS Sure Cure"

by Marghe Covino
OF MGW STAFF

Sacramento, CA -- The newspaper ad stated, "A Sure Cure For AIDS," surely something to get excited about - except I was reading the religion page of the paper, not the news. The ad included a picture of the "Pastor" who would be imparting the news of this "cure," and sure enough it was that infamous gay basher, Glen Cole of the Capitol Christian Center, a cold-eyed, polyester clad huckster who has parlayed his Cotton Mather approach to religion, his blatant gay bashing and his obscure denomination into a major political force in the state's capitol.

The church (and soon, a college) sits just off Highway 50 near the Bradshaw exit, surrounded by palm trees and expensive outdoor lighting. The vast entrance lobby is peopled by a blazer-clad security force at each door. Doors to the sanctuary, which can seat several thousand, are also attended. There are smiles and handshakes and a slick four-color, six page brochure is handed out which outlines activities designed to make parishioners' social lives totally church centered. Superbowl Sunday, famous Christian athletes, "ladies" programs, singles parties -- it was all covered.

We entered the vast, tiered auditorium with its huge balconies and suspended baptismal area and prepared to hear about the "cure." Fabric padded wood pews were almost filled. The 100-person choir and the orchestra was framed by banks of plants and a huge stained glass window depicting a dove descending on prayer-clasped hands. In front of that a screen would drop down with the lyrics to hymns when the audience was to sing along. Thousands of dollars worth of stage lighting illuminated the area.

Alongside the baptismal balconies were large banks of mirrored windows. The orchestra played, the choir sang, and tambourines clanked to upbeat, tow-tapping tunes. People clapped along and were urged to give "clap offerings" (applause) at various intervals. An M.C.-like person interviewed baptismal candidates who were questioned on their commitment to Jesus then ushered offstage only to appear later on the baptismal balcony, clad in white robes, to be immersed while the choir sang.

It was anti-climactic when the hatchet-faced Cole appeared after the big build-up. However, in the interest of the hip with it image, he, too, introduced a singer. The song was chilling. "The time has come to show a doubting world -- the time has come to be a Holy Nation. Unwanted and outnumbered -- dedicated to be different -- we must now stand and lead -- each of us a living stone, fashioned by His hand -- We must be a Holy Nation -- we must rise to burn these walls of compromise and forge a new commitment." The subliminal messages were frightening.

The sure cure of AIDS is marriage. For the married -- abstinence. The translations of the Bible verses twisted to make the point that AIDS is God's judgement against the ungodly. Cole spoke as if he were not in a fortress surrounded by money and righteousness -- but as if he were taking a risk. Indeed, he told the amen-saying arm-waving crowd with hands lifted in "praise" that he only risked saying such things and rished being shot because he "loved them so."

He spoke for one solid hour of gay and lesbian bashing, giving parishioners misinformation about gays, gay relationship and lifestyle. He said that not only those who practice this lifestyle but those whoapprove of them by not persecuting them are also at risk for God's wrath.

Two lesbians who went to the service emerged shaken. "In a very subtle way this pastor was telling his people that civil rights for all is not a Christian goal. That the Bible says pestilence will be visited upon not only those who engage in the homosexual lifestyle but upon all those who give their approval. Therefore the true Christian must do everything possible to ensure that civil rights are withheld from lesbians and gays and anyone else whose lifestyle does not agree with their interpretation of the Bible. How strange a concept this is when the country was founded because of religious persecution."

"I felt almost claustrophobic -- surrounded by people being taught to hate me -- I felt short of breath. Those ushers, the catwalks, the two-way mirrors -- I felt I was in a hostile and oppressive environment -- and all of these people were so sure that they are right." The woman quoted is a former judge, she would not allow her name to be used for this article. "I'm afraid they would come to my house and target us -- that they'd hurt my animals and do it in the interest of teaching me some kind of lesson. My God, these people are dangerous!"

Jones Out Of State Legislative Race

by Keith Clark
OF MGW STAFF

SANFRANCISCO—Cleve Jones, the nationally known founder of the Names Project's AIDS Quilt, has dropped out of his bid for a seat in the California Legislature that would have pitted him against the powerful Assembly Speaker Willie Brown out of concerns the race might have turned into a divisive fight between the gay and African American communities. Jones also indicated his withdrawal would allow the gay and lesbian community here to focus its fundraising and political energies on the less fractious state Senate race of lesbian Supervisor Carole Migden against incumbent Sen. Milton Marks.

Jones announced his withdrawal only days after a voter poll here indicated he and Brown were in a virtual dead heat, with Jones garnering 37 percent to Browns 35 percent and 27 percent of those polled still undecided.

The day after the poll results were made public, African American leaders, including a number of prominent gay African Americans here, rallied in support of Brown, in a clear warning for Jones about the kind of divisive battle that might be expected in the June primary. At that Brown-booster, Brandy Moore, one of the city's best-known black gay leaders, in a clear warning to Jones, said, "This is not about bashing any other community. But we are saying to any community who would know out our most diligent champion, `Don't try.'"

Jones said he now intends to make a bid for a seat on the city's Board of Supervisors this year. Gay Supe. Harry Britt is expected not to run again, and has even reportedly been on the verge of retiring before his term expires this year. Jones is likely to make a bid for the vacant Britt seat, and Brown has already indicated he would endorse Jones in his race for a board seat.

Facing the prospect of having to raise as much as $500,000 for any race for the Legislature, the possibility of both Jones and Migden running at the same time clearly was a daunting one for Jones, particularly in light of results in the same voter poll indicating Migden with a whopping 47 percent to longterm incumbent Sen. Marks' 27 percent.

Migden, a longtime Democratic activist and first-term Supervisor, has all but openly declared her intention to run for Marks' Senate seat this year. Migden was the second largest vote-getter in the Nov. 1989 supervisory election, and insiders say her enormous lead in the poll should be enough to convince her to make the bid against the aging Marks.

Migden was also the largest money-raiser in that race, piling up just under $300,000 in her successful bid for a seat on the board.

The likelihood of a gay or lesbian landing a seat in the Legislature, either in San Francisco or in Los Angeles, have increased this year as a result of the Supreme Court reapportionment plan. And Migden's prospects of raising the large sums of money needed for a successful campaign have now clearly been increased by Jones' withdrawal and her commanding lead in the voter poll over Sen. Marks.

The election of Migden to the state Senate would mark the first openly gay or lesbian member of the California Legislature after nearly two decades of attempts to land a seat in the Capitol.▼

Gay, GOP Activists Tapped By New Conservative Mayor In S.F.

by Keith Clark
OF MGW STAFF

SAN FRANCISCO — As newly elected Mayor Frank Jordan took office here Jan. 8, three of the new administration's first appointments may reassure gays and lesbians that despite bitter opposition by some activists here the conservative new mayor was far from closing his door to the community.

Chris Bowman, a former president of the gay oriented Log Cabin Club of San Francisco, one-time vice chairman and now secretary of the city's Republican Party, was named as a special assistant to Jordan for issues research. Bowman's primary job initially will be assessing the analysis going on in the city's twenty-some departments in an effort to help streamline municipal operations.

In an overwhelmingly Democratic town, Bowman, 46, is a highly respected GOP activist who headed the party's extremely successful 1990 registration drive that brought more than 5,000 new Republicans into the party. He is believed to be the first GOP official to be appointed to a mayoral post here in more than a decade.

Bowman said he felt his own appointment to the incoming Jordan administration reflected the new mayor's commitment to "cover the whole spectrum of the city" as well as the growth in the once-foundering Republican Party here. "Certainly in the last three years or so," Bowman said, "we've been very successful in getting some high quality people in the [Republican] central committee and working as a player in the city's political playing field. Clearly we were players this time."

Jordan also appointed Jean Harris, 47, an aide to gay Supervisor Harry Britt and past president of the Harvey Milk Gay and Lesbian Democratic Club, as a community liaison.

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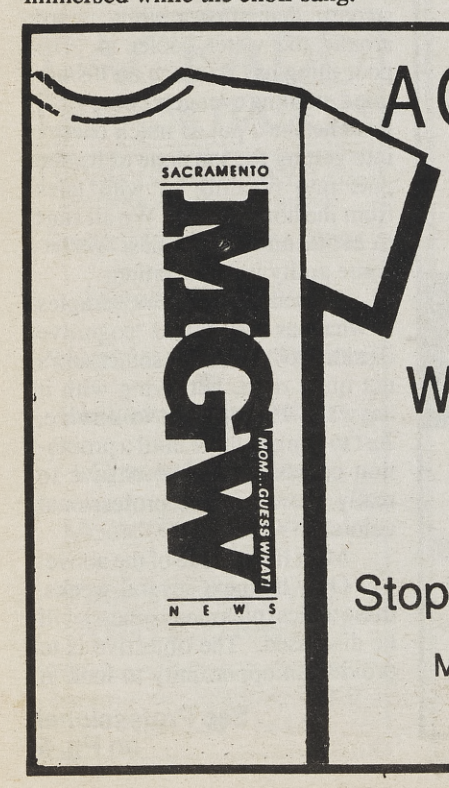

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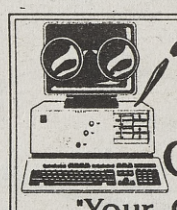

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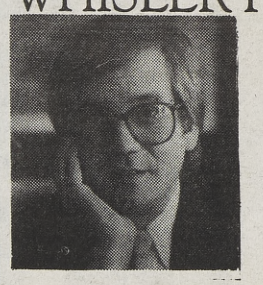

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IRS Symposium '91

by Catherine Whitney, EA
OF MGW STAFF

I recently had the opportunity to participate in the first annual tax symposium put on jointly by the Internal Revenue Service and Weber State University in Ogden, Utah. Over three hundred tax practitioners from the western United States took advantage of the chance to learn more about the IRS and how it operates at the Ogden Service Center. The three day symposium offered very informative workshops and a walking tour of the huge service center. It was truly mind boggling to walk through the seven acre building and to follow the route down the tax return "pipeline". In a past article, I mentioned that the current system for processing returns was "paper-driven" and "labor intensive". These points were brought home emphatically as we saw how many hands touched a return before it was filed away in storage. The number of returns processed and the vast sums of money received at the center was incredible. Over 1.1 trillion dollars and billions of returns went through Ogden in 1991. On April 17th & 18th alone, between 6 to 8 million returns were received at the center. Sixteen semi-trucks waited at the loading docks filled with mail waiting to be processed.

Even though the system is outdated and is in need of modernization, it seemed to work smoothly from start to finish. The key word at the center was quality and efficiency. Ogden center is one of the best run of all the seven service centers across the United States. Its director, Bob Wenzel, has been in the forefront in spearheading new methods to increase efficiency. On the first day of the symposium, during a teleconference with the national director of the IRS, Fred Goldberg, it was announced Mr. Wenzel had been promoted to the national office. The teleconference itself was very informative. I felt privileged to participate in this live discussion with the top man in the IRS. He presented his plans and hopes for the IRS, emphasizing modernization and better service to the taxpayer. He compared the IRS to a corporation in private industry, stating that the IRS was the largest financial institution in the world. It affects every person in the United States directly. He considers the taxpayer both as a customer and a "stock holder" in this huge company, who deserves the most from the money that is spent to run it. This is an entirely new concept for the service, which in the past has dealt with the taxpayer in a heavy handed, sometimes oppressive manner. The workshops gave invaluable information on how best to deal with problems that taxpayers may have with the IRS. Over and over, the idea of solving the problem on first contact was mentioned. Names and phone numbers were given in all sections, including audit, collections and appeals. This attitude of service and courtesy to taxpayers was emphasized many times. The classes were taught by supervisor level employees of the IRS, who confessed it was difficult to adjust to the new ways of thinking, but felt the new attitude did work better than the old.

The tax practitioners were aware that this was a public relations effort by the IRS, but we were still impressed with the way the symposium had been set up and by the way it had been conducted. The information offered was quality information on how best to deal with taxpayer problems. We realize the more we know about the IRS, the better service we can offer our clients. When it is time for the second annual symposium in 1992, most of the participants indicated they would be present back in Ogden.▼

Your Professional Perspective

by Tim Kelleher
OF MGW STAFF

After having spend 22 years within the corporate environment, and now having had the last year or so available to look more closely at what it means to be a "professional", it has become abundantly clear to me that men and women committed to giving their all to their jobs know less about doing that than they think. Those may be harsh words to hear, yet consider the following points before you jump to conclusions.

To begin with, many of us feel that fulfillment in the work environment is something available to anyone willing to sacrifice a little of their personality for the benefit of the group effort. What, however, do you feel like when someone in your office is always sacrificing their personal life for that few extra minutes when everyone else has gone home for the day? Like maybe you're not giving it your "all"? Like that person is pushing for a promotion? Most of us find ourselves thinking things like "goodie-two-shoes" if not something even less complimentary.

Consider also the notion of "If I take on a little more, or speak up more often, I'll be recognized as an exceptional team player." Good thought. Yet think again how you feel when someone in your office is always volunteering, always bringing up ideas, always speaking up, and always taking the lead. Most likely you feel a twinge of hostility. Particularly if it's the same person who works late and still manages to bring home-made cookies the next day.

On the flip side, how many of us have said that if we could only open up and share more of our personal lives with our office colleagues, we would feel more friendly towards each other, and perhaps be more understanding when things get tough at the office. A very humanitarian thought. On the other hand, consider how you feel when "Miss Chatty" arrives at work everyday with an endless stream of tidbits about the kids, the movie rented, the party attended, or the status of the divorce. I would suggest that after a while, word around the water cooler is "The poor thing has so much on his/her mind, nothing ever gets done" or "I wish he/she'd put as much energy into getting the job done as he/she puts into regaling us with tales from the home front." We all start to avoid these types, lest we become guilty by association.

These are just a few examples of what has been called "cognitive dissidence": knowing something's not quite right, but living with it anyway. Perhaps just to survive, Just to hang in there until a promotion comes along; the chance to really show our true professional colors.

Most likely none of the above.

Over the next several weeks, these topics (plus many others) will be discussed. The objective is to provide an opportunity to look at

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Court Decision Endangers Gay Rights

by Marghe Covino
MGW Capital Correspondent

Sacramento, CA -- Activists and lawyers throughout the state are on alert since recent court decisions have dealt so unfavorable with civil rights issues.

A case in point is the August 26, 1991 decision by Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Diane Wayne in which she dismissed a pending case and stated the City of Los Angeles did not have the authority to pass a law prohibiting employment discrimination against lesbians and gay men -- in effect invalidating local discrimination ordinances.

If Wayne's decision is upheld on appeal, her decision could invalidate the 16 local civil rights ordinances which protect lesbians and gay men in cities like Sacramento, San Francisco, Berkeley, West Hollywood and so on. According to Los Angeles based attorney Tom Coleman of the Family Institute, the case involves Jim Delaney, a Los Angeles man who alleged sexual discrimination by his employer and harassment by fellow employees. Coleman said an appeal was filed on Dec. 6 in the Second District Court of Appeals in Los Angeles. Opening briefs will be filed on Feb. 24.

Coleman said American Civil Liberties of Southern California attorney, John Davidson, is coordinating the filing of "friend of the Court" (Amicus Curiae) briefs by cities and public agencies from throughout the state on that date. Already city attorneys for San Francisco and Los Angeles, Arlo Smith and James Hahn, have joined the suit as well as West Hollywood. Members of the San Diego and Long Beach commissions on human relations have started the machinery for those cities to join the case. "Each city doesn't need to write its own brief," Coleman said, "they can add their names onto the brief which another city presents." Coleman suggests interested city organizations call Davidson at (213)977-9500, ext. 225.

"...double talk in Gov. Wilson's veto...of AB101."

The Lobby for Individual Freedom and Equality (LIFE) denodenounced the Wayne decision. LIFE Southern California Co-Chair John Duran said, "This decision further demonstrates the doubletalk in Gov. Wilson's veto message rejecting AB101. It reaffirms the need for an AB101 to provide uniform protections for all Californians.

LIFE Lobby will pursue a new bill next year which will extend employment and housing protections to the sexual orientation category. The bill will be constructed with other civil rights groups whose protections have been undermined by recent court rulings.

Northern Co-Chair for LIFE, Ken Jones said, "It's a shame we're forced to expend so much effort just to remain responsible, job-holding citizens and pay our taxes."

New Jersey Legislature Approves State Gay Rights Law

by Keith Clark
OF MGW STAFF

TRENTON, N.J.—In a last-minute flurry of bill-passing, the New Jersey Legislature approved a statewide anti-discrimination law prohibiting discrimination in employment, housing, public accommodation and credit based on "affectional or sexual orientation."

Gov. Jim Florio signed the bill into law on Sunday, Jan. 19, making New Jersey the fifth and largest state in America to enact gay rights legislation.

The cliff-hanging legislation was one of scores of bills approved by the Democratic-controlled Legislature in the final minutes of its last session. In the next legislative session, newly elected legislators would create a new Republican majority that was expected not to be as likely to approve the law. New Jersey joins the states of Wisconsin, Massachusetts, Connecticut and Hawaii in barring sexual-orientation bias.

The legislation, A-634, passed by a 46-7 vote in the Assembly and 21-0 in the Senate with a minimum of controversy or organized opposition. Religious organizations and church-owned businesses are exempt from the law.

Last September Gov. Florio quietly signed an executive order banning discrimination in government hiring based on sexual orientation, convincing gay and lesbian activists that he would also quickly approve the new legislation.

With the governor's signature, New Jersey, with more than 7.7 million residents, became, with little controversy or publicity, the largest state in the U.S. to provide discrimination protections for gays, lesbians and bisexuals.

Eric McKinley, co-chair of the New Jersey Gay and Lesbian Coalition's A/634 Task Force, said, "We followed the legislators' and governor's lead in this. We took our cue from Connecticut and we had essentially no press at all and had virtually no organized opposition."▼

S.F. Mayor

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"I'm not going to be some token dyke. I want to do what's best for the lesbian and gay community. If Frank is hiring me just to use me, he's awfully stupid," said Harris, whose brash style and left-wing political views may not be very popular with Jordan's more conservative supporters.

Jordan also named lesbian Margaret Kisliuk as a special assistant to his chief of staff, Hadley Roff. Kisliuk worked in the Health Department under former Mayor Dianne Feinstein and was instrumental in arranging Feinstein's regular meetings with gay and lesbian leaders.

The appointments seems to indicate Jordan's commitment to assemble a staff that reflects the city's political and cultural diversity as well as assuaging concerns among some gay and lesbian activists who called the former police chief homophobic.

Perhaps more important, many activists see the appointments of activists like Bowman and Harris particularly as an indication that the new Jordan administration is hardly selecting "token" representatives. As one activist here said of the two, "You don't put two outspokenly honest people like Jean [Harris] and Chris [Bowman] on your team if you're looking for people who are going to roll over and play dead."▼

Death: A Gay Experience?

Is death, like life, different for gays and lesbians compared to heterosexuals? This is just one of the many questions a new research project hopes to answer. Many people throughout the world have had "near death experience" including many gays and lesbians. Do these NDE's have anything to teach us about "real death," or possibly even about life itself? Any gay/lesbian, bisexual, or transgender persons who have had a NDE are encourage to take part in the study. Write: NDE Study, P.O. Box 708, Cloudcroft, NM 88317-0708.▼

Your Professional Self

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your work environment differently. To see how effective some very simple ways of being perceived more effective by your boss and those people you work with every day.

How friendly are you at work? How focused are you on getting the job done? How dominant are you in discussions and meetings? What effect do these traits have on the people you work with? What effect do you have on your team's meeting its objectives?

We've all heard the adage "Don't mix your business life with your personal life." Good advice? Why? Aren't we all people first, and professionals second? We've all been told to take initiative, yet when the going gets tough, we say "I can't do anything about that, ***they*** want it that way." (Who hasn't encountered that attitude when returning something you've bought! Yet isn't our work ethic in this country built on hierarchical organization and the accompanying rules?

How can I truly make a difference if 1.) I can't be myself on the job, and if 2.) ***they*** are not willing to make positive changes, and if 3.) I don't want to suffer the consequences of 'rocking the boat'? Well the answers to these questions, and many similar conundrums will be the topic of this column going forward.

Next time: **What does it mean to be effective in my job?**

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HIV newsline

by Sonya Cox
AIDS/HIV Editor

AIDS Cases Hit Milestone Faster...

• Another grim milestone has been reached in this country's AIDS epidemic. There have been 207,000 cases recorded since the beginning of the crisis in 1981. It took eight years for the first 100,000 to be recorded, and 26 months for the second 100,000. It's expected that his current trend will continue.

• The second 100,000 is vastly different from the first in that heterosexual transmission is up from 5 percent to 7 percent; cases among women is up from 9 percent to 12 percent; 31 percent are among Blacks, compared to 27 earlier; 17 percent are among Hispanics, compared to 15; 24 percent are among heterosexual drug users, compared to 20 percent; one number went down—55 percent of cases are among gay or bisexual men, down from 61 percent earlier.

• The 300,000 mark is expected much faster—when the Centers for Disease Control's new definition of AIDS goes into effect in April, it's expected that 160,000 HIV-infected people will immediately be listed as having AIDS. Of the 207,000 cases, there have been 133,000 deaths.

• In California, 38,700 cases have resulted in 12,295 deaths. It's estimated that 200,000 Californians are HIV-positive. In Sacramento, 769 recorded cases have resulted in 520 deaths, with 249 people with AIDS fighting this disease.

Wilson Proposes No Increase...

The Governor's budget for AIDS services shows no increase for the coming fiscal year, which begins in July, despite a projected 20 percent increase in the number of AIDS cases. To merely have kept up with inflation would have required an increase of over $4 million, but state health director Dr. Molly Coye says that due to the state's fiscal crisis, "simply to not get cut was quite an accomplishment."

Bergalis Wills $ to AIDS...

Kimberly Bergalis, who sued the estate of her dentist for more than $1 million prior to her death from AIDS in December, left $10,000 to her Florida AIDS support group, several thousand to friends and the hospital that treated her, and the remainder to her parents who say they plan to start giving the money to AIDS research groups and (ugh) to politicians who will fight for mandatory AIDS testing of health-care workers.

Not Too Late For Flu Shots...

Public health officials are recommending flu shots for the elderly and the chronically ill (this includes people with HIV disease). It's still not too late, although supplies of vaccine are starting to dwindle. If you feel something coming on and haven't had your flu shot yet, a new drug, amantadine, seems to be able to control the respiratory disease that is the true flu accompanied by fever, but it doesn't prevent what's called "stomach flu." The catch, however, is that amantadine must be taken within 24-48 hours of the onset of symptoms (high fever, lethargy, and throat pain when coughing, which progresses to severe coughing and a runny nose). See your physician as soon as you can to ask if you should have a flu shot or if you feel ill.

Act Up Wants Positions Made Public...

A New Hampshire television station recently rejected a commercial prepared by ACT UP which assails Democratic presidential candidates in that state for not stating their position on AIDS issues. While an announcer criticizes candidates for being silent about their plans to end the epidemic, a gay couple, a lesbian couple and a heterosexual couple, each hugging and kissing, appear on the screen. The station said that the part about the two men kissing could be offensive to New Hampshire viewers.

PSSN On The Stands Again...

Sacramento's "Positive Social Support Newsdigest" (PSSN), published by Lambda every two months for those interested in AIDS and HIV (how to stay healthy if you're positive, as well as how to stay healthy if you're negative), is on the stands again. Take a copy home to read, and get one for someone you care about.▼

San Francisco Acts To OK Needle Exchanges

by Keith Clark
OF MGW STAFF

SAN FRANCISCO — After years of being the home of the largest illegal needle-exchange program in the country, the city is finally taking steps to legalize the AIDS-prevention scheme. At the same time, Assembly Speaker Willie Brown (D-S.F.) and state Senator Diane Watson (D-L.A.) are expected to introduce legislation soon making it legal for needle-swap pilot programs in San Francisco, Los Angeles and other cities that authorize them.

The Board of Supervisors' city services committee unanimously adopted a city-sanctioned illegal needle-exchange program at the recommendation of the city's health department. The board resolution, however, supports state legislation which would legalize such programs because, as the resolution asserts, "the facts and figures involved in the spread of AIDS absolutely mandate such action."

According to the resolution, San Francisco alone has 16,000 injection drug users and the Department of Health estimates that 20 percent of them have already been infected with HIV through shared needles.

"We must make this step and ensure that not one more person dies from this horrible disease when we know how to stop it," said Supe. Angela Alioto. "This legislation stops it. This is preventative legislation, it's visionary legislation. Five years from now thousands of people will not test HIV positive because of this legislation today."

No one spoke out against the idea at the hearing, but in the past those who oppose such programs say they encourage drug abuse even though studies by Yale University have shown the needle-exchanges contribute to reductions of HIV as well as the Hepatitis B virus. A recent Yale study of the needle-exchange program in New Haven, Conn., the most comprehensive study of such programs, found HIV transmission among IV-drug users there has dropped by 33 percent.

Of all the nation's larger cities, currently only Honolulu and New Haven, Conn., have the kind of city-sanctioned needle-exchange programs proposed for San Francisco where Prevention Point trades more than 600,000 clean needles a year through volunteers who technically break state law every time they they go out on the street to swap used needles for clean ones.

The full Board of Supervisors is almost certain to approve the committee resolution, and newly elected Mayor Frank Jordan, the city's former police chief, has already said he supports a city-sanctioned needle-exchange program.

In Sacramento, with the muscle of Speaker Brown, who in the past has been silent on such proposals, but is now behind legalizing pilot needle-exchange programs, the chances of passage in the Legislature are much better. But even if the legislation passes, it is uncertain whether Gov. Wilson would sign it into law, and if he did it is still likely it would be at least a year before such a law could go into effect.

In the meantime, if San Francisco implements a city-sanctioned needle-swap program, it might invite civil lawsuit against the city as well as criminal charges against public officials, even though District Attorney Arlo Smith has reported said he would not prosecute such charges.▼

AmFAR Receives $2.26 Million From The Estate Of Peter A. Pender, Owner Of Fife's

The American Foundation for AIDS Research (AmFAR) has received a bequest of over $2.26 million from the estate of Peter A. Pender, a San Francisco resident who died of AIDS-related conditions in November, 1990, AmFAR officials announced.

It is largest bequest ever received by AmFAR. At Mr. Pender's request, money from his estate is to be used for research and general purposed to enable AmFAR to fulfill its mission.

"The generosity of Mr. Pender has been remarkable. Even in death, we value his concern and compassion for other people, and for recognizing the desperate need to find new treatments and ultimately a cure for HIV/AIDS," said AmFAR's Founding Co-Chair Dr. Mathilde Krim.

Mr. Pender, who was 54 when he died, moved to San Francisco from his native Philadelphia in 1960. A successful businessman who owned Fife's gay and lesbian resort on the Russian River in Guerneville, CA, he was also an accomplished contract bridge player. In 1986, Mr. Pender won the contract bridge world championship at matches in Sao Palo, Brazil.

Mr. Pender gained notoriety in 1989 when—because of his HIV status—he was refused a visa from the Australian government to compete in the Bermuda Bowl contract bridge world championship in Perth. But the Australians finally granted him a visa after much pressure from San Francisco AIDS organizations, and Mr. Pender went to Perth, where he lost the championship by only five match points.

Mr. Pender graduated from Haverford School in Philadelphia and attended Harvard University, but left to pursue his career as a bridge player. The son of a wealthy inventor who was also dean of the engineering school at the University of Pennsylvania, he left no survivors.

Part of Mr. Pender's estate was given to Continuum HIV Day Services, a San Francisco-based service organization for people with AIDS/HIV, and to the Triangle Institute, a Washington, D.C. group that raises money fro research and education on lesbian and gay civil rights and health issues.

While Mr. Pender's gift is the largest bequest in AmFAR's relatively short history, AmFAR has received over $7.5 million from several hundreds of donors' estates across the country.

AmFAR is the nation's leading non-profit organization dedicated to AIDS research, education and the development of sound public policy. Since 1985, AmFAR has provided $39 million to more than 620 AIDS research, education and public policy projects. AmFAR is committed to mobilizing the good will, energy and generosity of caring Americans to end the AIDS epidemic.▼

No Increase In AIDS Funds In Wilson Health Budget

by Keith Clark
OF MGW STAFF

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Gov. Wilson's new 1992-93 health care budget proposals include little or no increases in AIDS funding, despite a continuing 20 percent growth in the number of people diagnosed with the disease in California. And for AIDS activists and lobbyists here, that means the state is actually loosing ground in funding because financing isn't even keeping even with inflation.

According to Regina Aragon of the San Francisco AIDS Foundation, the Wilson budget unveiled Thursday, Jan. 9, apparently contains no increased funding for AIDS, which she said remains stagnant at about $76 million, the second consecutive year there has been no increase.

Aragon said the state's HIV education and prevention programs for the next fiscal year beginning in July reflect a 7 percent decline compared with the funding level two years ago. AIDS education and prevention funding in the new Wilson budget is about $15.1 million.

She said that just to keep up with inflation, the state's education and prevention funding should be at about $19.7 million in the 1992-93 budget.

An estimated 200,000 people in the state are believed already infected with HIV and some 25,000 residents have died from AIDS so far in the epidemic.

"We know that education and prevention are the only way to stop infections," Aragon said, "yet we are looking at the same inadequate level of funding."▼

"Keeping It Up!" Returns

"Keeping It Up!", a workshop for gay and bisexual men, developed by Dr. Martin (Marty) McCombs, returns on March 7. The workshop is sponsored by the Lambda Community Center AIDS Response Programs, in cooperation with SAF and WCIC/Project Survival, and will be held in the WCIC Auditorium at 3555 3rd Ave. A five to ten dollar donation is requested and lunch will be provided. For reservations call 442-0185.

The workshop is designed to provide support to gay and bisexual men in making behavioral change and to supplement healthy living skills. Participants in "Keeping It Up!" first engage in an introduction and an "ice-breaking" exercise, then Dr. McCombs gives a brief overview of why we think the way we do in regard to sexuality and just how society influences us. He leads the group in discussions and question and answer sessions on topics ranging from pet "peeves" in dating, to quality of sexual satisfaction to self-esteem and long-term behavior maintenance. From time to time, the larger group will break up into smaller, peer-led groups for exercises dealing with assertiveness and communication, and a "hands-on" practice of negotiating skills. The group also goes one-on-one for exercises in sensate focus and touching.▼

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media watch

by Hollie Conley
OF GLAAD/SFBA

Buchanan

The presidential candidacy of obsessed homophobe Patrick Buchanan continues to allow the news media to demonstrate they don't give a damn about our lives. On January 12, Buchanan appeared on NBC's *Meet the Press*, and was questioned by host Tim Russert, Albert Hunt of the *Wall Street Journal*, and R.W. Apple of the *New York Times*. Buchanan was asked about charges of insensitivity to Jews, and about a recently discovered memo he had written, which seemed to argue that African Americans were genetically inferior. No one brought up homophobia.

In the January 12 *New York Times*, the lead editorial was titled "Pat Buchanan's Small World." The editorial argued that Buchanan's blaming the gulf war on Israel was anti-semitic, and that a recent reference to the "landfill called multiculturalism" might be seen my many blacks as racist. Again there was no mention of Buchanan's frequent and open advocacy of hatred toward lesbians and gays.

It will be up to the media whether or not the presidential candidates have to declare themselves on lesbian and gay rights, and it is up to you to make sure they do. Write to reporters and commentators and demand that they challenge all political candidates, especially those like Buchanan who have made it central to their ideology, on lesbian and gay rights.

Write to Tim Russert, *Meet the Press*, c/o NBC News, Rockefeller Center, New York, NY 10020.

Write to Jack Rosenthal, Editorial Page Editor, *The New York Times*, 229 West 43rd. St., New York, NY 10036.

Street Stories

On January 9th CBS News premiered a news magazine show called *Street Stories*. The program featured an extended segment about a police operation in Houston, Texas, where officers posed as gay men to deter gay bashers. During the two weeks of the operation, four officers were attacked and beaten.

The show included an incredibly powerful on-the-street interviews with a 19 year old self-professed gay basher. He told how he would find gay men, jump out of his car and "smash them in the back of the head." He compared it to smashing pumpkins. He explained that it's like a practical joke, that it is "no big deal," and that gay men are "not real people." He said that he felt no remorse about the attacks, and giggled when he admitted that he was thinking about attacking some gay men that very evening.

It's hard to imagine that anyone would be unaffected by this clean cut teenager unself-consciously and unapologetically boasting of acts of shocking violence for a television camera.

Write the producer of *Street Stories* and thank her for paying attention to this problem in such an honest way. Let her know that we desperately need more shows which expose to America the ugly and violent consequences of homophobia.

Write to Cathy Lasiewicz, Executive Producer, CBS News *Street Stories*, 555 W. 57th Street, 8th floor, New York, NY 10019.

Sisters

On January 11th the series NBC *Sisters* included a story about a gay elementary school teacher being fired because he was HIV positive. Jim Atwater, the character, was teacher and tutor for regular character Georgie's son Evan. When some of the parents at Evan's elementary school found out that Jim was HIV positive, they pressured the school board to fire him. Jim's gayness was treated with refreshing unselfconsciousness. Georgie, who had recently been wrestling with her lack of courage and involvement in important issues, tried to stand up for Jim, but he was fired anyway. The episode ended with Georgie making the decision to run for the school board and fight to get Jim reinstated.

Heterosexuals desperately need strong role models that stand up to homophobia and AIDS hysteria. It's especially important that we let NBC know the public wants *Sisters* to take on lesbian and gay related issues, because earlier this season NBC forced the series to cancel plans to introduce a lesbian character.

Write to Warren Littlefield, President, NBC Entertainment, 3000 West Alameda Ave., Burbank, CA 91523, tel. 818-840-3971.

WMUR New Hampshire

WMUR, a television station in New Hampshire, has censored an advertisement produced by ACT-UP because it contains an image of an interracial gay male couple. Larry Gilpin, the station's vice president, said they had rejected the ad, which was to have challenged the democratic presidential candidates for not addressing the AIDS issue, because of its "sexually explicit" content. Gilpin said he objected to the "white male, black male kissing" part of the advertisement.

Of course commercial television is full of images of heterosexuals kissing, making love, and flaunting their sexuality, but you can't even pay them to broadcast a simple image of two fully clothed men kissing. Protest this disgusting act of censorship by writing to Larry Gilpin, General Manager, WMUR-TV, P.O. Box 9, Manchester, New Hampshire 03105.

Reader's Digest

Reader's Digest, a monthly magazine which excerpts articles from other sources for those whose attention span is too short for the mass media, continues to use its pages for gay baiting. In the January issue they excerpted an article by Chris McKenna of the *New York Post*, titled "Film Filth." The thing that upset McKenna was a lesbian and gay film festival co-sponsored by the New York State Museum in Albany last year. "Most of the three day event, with midday film showing, was held at the museum one floor below the popular "Sesame Street" and dinosaur exhibits, which regularly draw thousands of children and their families," McKenna wrote, ignoring the fact that the films were limited to paying adults, and implying that information about homosexuality is inappropriate for children.

We've complained three times in five months about homophobic hate-mongering in *Reader's Digest*. Write them another letter. Tell them if they don't shape up we're going after their advertisers. Suggest important articles about homophobia or gay & lesbian lives they might reprint.

Write to Kenneth Y. Tomlinson, Editor in Chief, Reader's Digest, Pleasantville, NY 10570.

Stephen Chapman

Some folks like to argue that lesbians and gays shouldn't have equal rights because they make homophobes uncomfortable. Syndicated columnist Stephen Chapman made that case in a recent article in defense of the military's ban on lesbians and gays. The piece appeared locally in the January 10 Oakland Tribune.

Chapman starts out by making a token plea for tolerance: "this society's vastly increased tolerance of gays—historically one of the most viciously despised and mistreated minorities—is an exceptionally heartening achievement... Homosexual men and women deserve the same essential rights as everyone else."

Then he gets to his real point: "But that doesn't mean they deserve identical treatment in every conceivable circumstance. In this case, expanding the rights of homosexuals would demand unreasonable sacrifices from heterosexuals." What unreasonable sacrifices are we demanding from heterosexuals now? "Just as women dislike being stripped of all privacy before men who regard them as sexual objects, heterosexual men and women dislike being exposed to homosexuals of their own sex." So we're supposed to suffer because of what heterosexuals fantasize about us.

Of course everything, as usual, would be fine if we would just stay in the closet: "a closet homosexual doesn't arouse resentment in the heterosexual he's showering next to; the tension arises only when his proclivities become known."

Do you think you can educate this guy? Give it a whirl by writing Steven Chapman, Creator's Syndicate, 5777 W. Century Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90045.

Project 21

On January 15 the terms of three members of the California State Board of Education will expire. Governor "Veto-Pete" Wilson must fill the vacancies either by re-appointing the incumbents (mostly right-wing holdovers from the Deukmejian era) or selecting new people. Call and write the Governor this week and demand that he replace all three incumbents with educators sensitive to the need for inclusion of accurate information about sexual orientation in the school curricula. Suggest he appoint an openly lesbian or gay person the Board. Remember, this is the Board which, to its everlasting disgrace, "did not have a position" on the AIDS prevention education bill. By the time the bill became law in late 1991, thirty other states had already adopted similar legislation, most doing so years ago.

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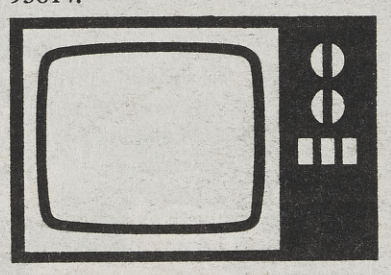

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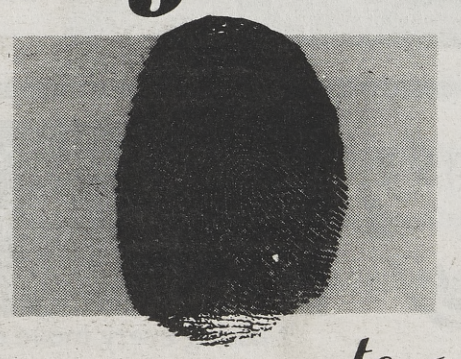

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Lesbian Sues Sherriff For Hostile Environment At Academy

Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund along with the ACLU Foundation of San Diego and Imperial Counties in California announced the filing of a lawsuit against the Sheriff's Academy of San Diego County—a training school for law enforcement officers to enhance their skills—because of sexual orientation discrimination and harassment. Laura Shands, a Deputy Marshal employed by the County of San Diego, attended the Sheriff's Academy in the fall of 1990 and experience daily exposure to disparaging and demeaning remarks about lesbians and gay men. Shands, a lesbian, found the environment to be so hostile that she considered terminating her 15-year career in law enforcement.

Mary Newcombe, a Lambda staff attorney and co-counsel for Shands, praised Shands' courage in coming forward to challenge the anti-gay behavior and attitudes of the Sheriff's Academy. "We know that these kinds of attitudes are common in law enforcement throughout the country. Homophobic attitudes are going to change only when gay men and lesbians are free to identify themselves without fear or retribution."

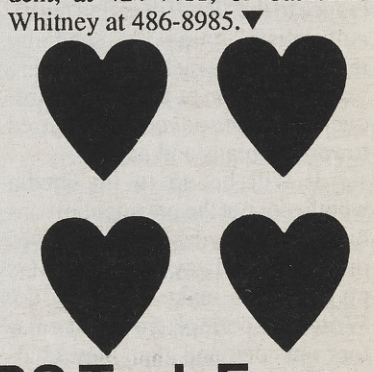
The lawsuit—brought under the Unruh Civil Rights Act, the California Constitution, and a local San Diego ordinance banning discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation—will seek to assure that the institutional attitudes revealed by the prevalent anti-gay and lesbian statements will end. Shands stated, "I have worked in the law enforcement profession for 15 years and have never witnessed such widespread hostility towards gay men and lesbians. As a lesbian, I was hurt and offended. As a law enforcement officer, I was appalled. My hopes are that knowledge of my experiences will assist the San Diego Sheriff's Department in adopting the same policy for lesbians and gay men as they have for all other minority groups—which is, basically, that everyone is treated fairly and impartially."

Newcombe added, "There is no doubt that leadership within the Sheriff's Department can end the current atmosphere that tolerates, and actively promotes, verbal bashing and hostility towards lesbians and gay men. Law enforcement attitudes inevitably influence broader community attitudes; homophobia in law enforcement directly translates into an acceptance of gay-bashing on the streets."▼

The Sacramento Women's Chorus in 1992

After their successful Christmas concert, the Sacramento Women's chorus met and made a commitment to increase the size of the chorus and to find a permanent director and accompanist in 1992.

The chorus, which has been in operation since 1986, has been using temporary directors and accompanists since its director, Marty Radar, had to stop directing due to business pressures. It was decided that the members of the chorus would put the word out to the community of Sacramento that they were interested in all women who would share the pleasure of singing in a group. They are interested in hearing from women who play musical instruments, especially the piano, and from women who have directed choral music in the past. If you are interested, or know of any one who may be interested, please contact Virginia Maulfair, President, at 424-4411, or Catherine Whitney at 486-8985.▼



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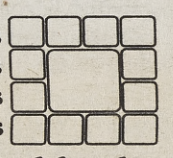

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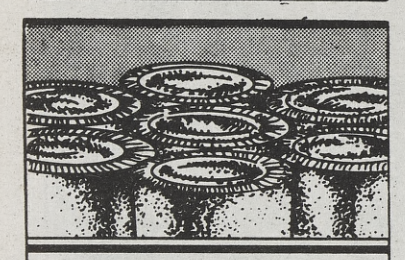

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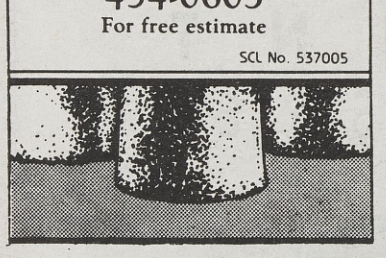

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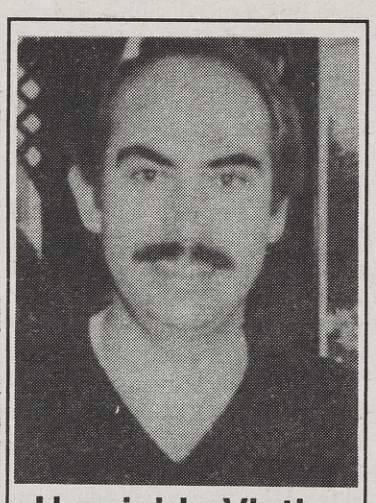

Homicide Victim

Victim: Johnathan Paul Francorcw

On December 22, 1990 the body of Johnathan Francorcw was found laying in the Cattleman's Restaurant parking lot, 2000 Taylor Road, in Roseville. At the time of his death Francorcw was employed as a clerk for the state of California.

Investigation has revealed that Francorcw was a homosexual, and he possibly knew his killer.

If you have any information which will lead to the arrest of Mr. Francorcw's killer you are urged to call the Roseville Police Department Investigation Division, (916) 781-0170 or Roseville Crime Stoppers at (916) 782-1600. ***You may be eligible for a reward.***

Lake Tahoe AIDS Task Force Benefit Features Performers

The Fifth Annual Lake Tahoe AIDS Task Force Benefit featuring talent from a number of casino revues, such as *Bare Essence* and *Just Add Water*, Wednesday, February 26, at Caesars Tahoe.

Afterwards, dance to the latest DJ mix at Tahoe's Neros 2000. Raffle prizes and silent auction items have been donated by the South Shore community, including a trip to Hawaii.

Monies raised will go toward programs sponsored by the Lake Tahoe AIDS Task Force, a bi-state, non-profit organization. Programs include the Hand to Hand Project, HIV-positive support groups, emergency financial assistance, and community education. Last year the Task Force raised over $7,000, making it one of the more successful benefits at Tahoe.

Master of ceremonies duties will be performed by Tahoe-Douglas Chamber of Commerce executive director, Kathleen Farrell, who has emceed the past three Task Force benefits.

The benefit begins at 7pm with a no-host bar, silent auction, and raffle prizes. The performance starts at 8:30; dancing at 9:30. Admission is $10 per person in advance and $15 at the door. For information: (916) 542-0131.▼

Valentine's Erotica Ball

A benefit for the Sacramento AIDS Foundation—the gay and lesbian community is invited to the "Valentine's Erotica Ball". Dress in either formal or carnival attire.

The event takes place on Saturday evening 8pm to 1am, February 15, at the Capitol Plaza Halls, 1025 9th St. The tickets will be $30 for singles and $50 for couples, in advance. Must be 18 or over to attend.

The event will feature a Costume Contest with a $200 cash prize for the most exotically dressed. Flowers will be provided for the first hundred guests as a Valentine's Day gift. The nights activities will consist of music by **Joey**, the **Exotic Erotic Performers**, vogue dancers, and appearances by special guests. A no-host bar with alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages will be available.▼

Big Men Wanted For Convention

The Affiliated BigMen's Clubs, Inc. (ABC) will hold a regional conference for heavyset gay men and their admirers.

Girth and Mirth of San Diego (GMSD) has been selected to host the annual ABC Western Conference for 1992. GMSD has chosen Las Vegas as the site of the conference, attempting to keep costs at a minimum while providing a central and exciting location. There is always something going on in the "24 hour city" and the BIG BOYS from sunny San Diego plan on leading the way.

The conference will be held at the Resort Hotel Ramada San Remo, 115 East Tropicana Avenue from May 15th through May 17th. Cost is $35 before March 1, and $45 thereafter.

Rooms at the Ramada San Remo are priced at $45 per night, single or double occupancy. Attendees are requested to call the hotel direct for their room reservations at 1-800-522-7366. Be sure to tell the reservations clerk that are with the "ABC Western Conference" to receive this special rate.

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by John Bachelor
MGW Staff

A special event at **Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays** (P-FLAG) is happening Feb. 18. "How Religious Organizations are Dealing with Homosexuality and AIDS" is the theme of a panel discussion. This is one meeting you won't want to miss.

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The memorial service last month for **Stan Haddan** was beautiful beyond words. What a tribute to what one man can do. The touching words of a song by **David Pomeranz** were distributed to those attending. Let Stan's work be an inspiration to all of us.

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What an event! **Jim Bailey** performed alternately as Judy Garland and Barbra Streisand in five shows at **Garbeau's Dinner Theatre.** All profits benefited Heartstrings: a fundraising event for AIDS. Mr. Bailey is a true professional and the sellout crowds loved every move.

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River City Democratic Club (RCDC) is hosting a quality "New Members Brunch" on February 9. The intention is to get new members, the Executive Committee and current members actively involved in the club. Call **Ed Condon** and **Norman Lorenz** at RCDC for more details.

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Art Jackson, San Francisco resident and HIV writer is back to work in the City. Art was unfortunately the victim of a gay bashing. It's great to hear some good news after the fact.

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The Sacramento Men's Chorus is one voice richer. **Frank Lawler** is back on the team after attending school. He's working on his degree to become a principal.

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Daredevil **Rosemary Metrailer** has broken her foot recently while snowmobiling. Her friends say they are not surprised as she always lives on the edge!

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Joan Greenfield had a bit of bad luck lately. Apparently her jeep was stolen. The good and bad news is that it was returned minus...the dashboard.

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Marghe Covino Richards has been nursing her lover Sharon Colwell back to good health after neck surgery. Our thoughts are with both of you.

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Belated birthday wishes to **Ken Holycross** who just calebrated the "Big One." We are not saying how big it is but we're told it is a little larger than most.

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In other medical news, **David Felderstein** had surgery on his arm among other things. He is now sporting a nifty cast. Hang in there.

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In yet other medical news, **Michael Himovitz** is recovering after a scare...his heart started telling him to slow down.

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Pat Medina is doing hair now at **Dianne Velagas' Crazy Razor** on 21st Street. **Synergy** is now on 28th & P. Hair designer **Ron Swanson** has taken a couple swipes at my hair with super results.

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Quantum Leap surges forward once again with an episode on gay bashing. The show was somewhat controversial within the gay community. My reaction was primarily positive as many sensitive issues were addressed. The time period of the show was the 1960's which is surprising since we think of gay bashing as a 1990's problem. It's been around longer than any of us care to admit. Kudos to the network for bringing the issue to light.

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Happy February Birthdays to **Kathy Haberman**, carpenter extraor-dinaire, **Art Katz**, infamous tooth fairy and constant contributor to the community, **Ed Condon**, politico activist, and our lost Sacramentan **Stephen Crow**.

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In the bar scene, **Joseph's Town & Country** hosts the Ms. Sacramento Valley Leather '92 contest. The event sponsored by the Sacramento Leather Association (SLA) happens right away on Feb. 1, so hurry....**Faces** Women's Country & Western night on Wednesday is going strong. There's always a fun and friendly gang....The **Wreck Room** still remains Mr. Flash's favorite place to meet guys. They are usually friendly and quite often approachable. Why not try your luck but save some for me.

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CNN reports the creation of a gay comic strip character named **Northstar**. The creation is a superhero in a gang of six. Luckily this is one more avenue for our existence to be recognized.

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Many of **MGW**'s staffers received beautiful black baseball jackets for Christmas. The jackets have the **MGW** emblem on the front and back. Apparently they have a shimmer and shine for those who have worn them out to local night spots.

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CSU, Sacramento Continuing Education is offering a course entitled (Invisible) **Students at Risk:** Providing Equal Educational Opportunities for Lesbian and Gay Youth. Renowned educators **Martin Rogers** and **Teresa Corrigan** are offering this course. The all day seminar takes place on March 7.

SACWN Draws Overflow Crowd

Rosanna Herber (left) and more than 325 women listen to author JoAnn Loulan discuss relationships and lesbian sexual roles within relationships and dating. Loulan is the author of: Lesbian Sex and The Lesbian Erotic Dance.
Photo by Linda Birner

My upcoming four week mini-course in Ballroom and Western Dance will start on March 9 & 10. There will be two separate beginning classes and one intermediate class. The Monday and Tuesday beginning classes are interchangeable. Here's your chance to be more comfortable on the dance floor. Get ready for next December's Snow White Ball! The classes are designed especially for the lesbian and gay community and its friends.

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Open Road, Sacramento's qualified version of Romanovsky and Phillips is performing at the Lite Rail Gallery on Valentine's Day, Feb. 14. The event is for the opening of **Miss Kitty's Attic** for Performing Animals Welfare Society (PAWS). Don't miss the sensational trio of **Jim Ralston, Steve Van Dyke and Scott Vorhees.**

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Mr. Flash with **MGW** would like to congratulate the lastest ISSUE as they approach their third anniversary.

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"Voices at the Crossroads" will be performed by the **Lambda Players** through February 16. This original piece involves the changes people face in their lives.

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With Valentine's Day around the corner, take your honey out or find one to share a special time.

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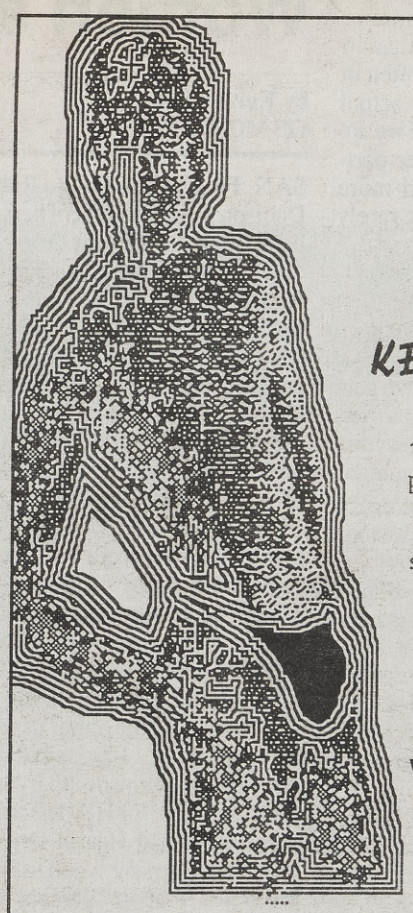

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Women & AIDS

Safe Sex in the 90's

By Kathy Mengle

Many women are living under the illusion that they are not at risk for sexually transmitted diseases (STDs). The truth is, every time you have sex, you also have sex with everyone who has ever had sex with your partner. Whether we like it or not, the age of romance is over: intimacy has become an issue of life and death.

Twelve million people in America contract STDs each year. Often they get them from people they love and trust. STDs include AIDS, genital herpes, genital warts, chlamydia, pelvic inflammatory disease, hepatitis B, gonorrhea and syphilis. You get them through sex: vaginal, anal or oral.

HIV is known to be passed from male to male, male to female, and female to male, and is theoretically possible from female to female. Government studies haven't yet focussed on women with HIV or AIDS, so the incidence is not yet known. Experts predict that the numbers of heterosexuals and bisexuals with undiagnosed HIV which will not be recognized until it is full-blown AIDS, will multiply dramatically within the next two years.

HIV may be in the person's blood, semen, or vaginal secretions. It can enter the body through cuts or sores in the moist lining of the vagina, penis, rectum, or the mouth. These cuts or sores may be so small that you do not know they are there. During oral sex, anyone who takes vaginal secretions, blood, or semen into their mouth is at risk of becoming infected. Many people infected with HIV have no symptoms and have not been tested.

Women tend to think more in terms of love and intimacy than in terms of sex, and so we are often in a state of denial about the actual risks we face. Also, because we are more likely to have only one partner at a time, we are also more likely to pretend that we are rarely or never at risk.

Several things, however, conspire to put everyone at risk. First of all, AIDS and other STDs can go undetected for years. So people who think they are healthy can pass on disease to numerous partners without ever showing any symptoms themselves. Secondly, many more people these days are crossing the sexual barrier: heterosexuals "discovering" that they are gay or lesbian, as well as unprecedented numbers of people declaring themselves bisexual. Many of these people, of course, are not monogamous or in any partnership setting. Many of these people are dating your friends. Some of them may be dating you.

I repeat: every time you have sex, you are having it with EVERY person who has ever slept with your partner. This is the message which the Centers for Disease Control want everyone to understand.

STDs are found increasingly among the educated and the affluent, the very people who have the means and the information to protect themselves. The issue again, is denial. We are afraid of turning people off by discussing these issues. But at some point we each have to look in the mirror and ask, "Would anyone who loved me ask me to risk my health, my life, my livelihood, for an interlude of pleasure?" If we can talk about drugs, alcohol, and cigarettes, we can certainly learn to become adults about sexuality. And increasingly, our lives will depend upon it.

While the risk of AIDS is minimal for many of us, we should remember that sex is a very emotional issue in our society. And because of that many people will deny previous sexual activity, for any number of reasons.

Even if you are in a monogamous relationship, you may still be at risk, unless your lover is with you at all times. The best way to protect ourselves is to become informed, to act responsibly, and to educate others and insist that they act responsibly.

Here is a list of people who might unknowingly be exposed to AIDS or other STDs, many of which, remember, can exist for years in women without producing symptoms:

1. Women who are bisexuals;
2. Women who have had male partners in past;
3. Women who have been raped or incested;
4. Women who have had sex with men who have had sex with another man since 1978 but who vehemently deny their bisexuality (there are millions of such men);
5. Women who are "multiple personalities": one personality may engage in behaviors that the others don't know about;
6. Women whose female partners deny previous or current acts;
7. Women who use sex toys;
8. Women who have had blood transfusions or received other blood products between 1978 and 1985;
9. Women (especially lesbians) who used artificial insemination to attempt pregnancy before AIDS testing began;
10. Women who have multiple partners (concurrent or serial).

Do not presume, then, that any partner will tell you everything. Presume instead that your partner may not even realize how long ago, how recently, or how often, exposures to STDs have occurred.

There is no such thing as safe sex, but there are several things you can do to make sex safer:

1. Talk with prospective partners. Find out all you can. Has the person been tested for HIV or other STDs? How many sex partners has the person been with? Has this person, or previous partners of this person, every injected drugs? Has the person had a transfusion or received other blood products? Before 1985, blood was not screened for HIV.

2. Weigh pleasure against health. Which would you rather have five years from now? Ten years from now? Consider your values. Consider who would take care of you if you could no longer care for yourself.

3. Think latex barrier. There should be at least one layer of latex between you and another person's bodily fluids. If a woman is the recipient of oral sex, she should use a dental dam hand held over the vagina. (A dental dam is a flat piece of latex, available in various thicknesses, about six inches square, which is used by the dentist to isolate a tooth or area for treatment.) Ask at your pharmacy, but don't be surprised if you are directed to your dentist or a dental supply house. Many people do not know these exist, let alone that they should be using them. Dental dams or condoms should be used every time you have sex, whether it is vaginal, anal or oral.

4. Be monogamous. You are still having sex with everyone your partner has ever slept with. If you intend to have unprotected sex, you are advised to do the following: both of your should be tested for HIV and other STDs, and then retested again, six months later, before proceeding.

5. Never do anything until you are satisfied that you can live with the consequences of your behavior. Do only what you feel safe and comfortable doing. Learn to love yourself more, and to need others less, for your emotional and sexual satisfaction.

6. Educate yourself and others. The value of prevention, when it comes to yourself and to those you love, is incalculable. We h already lost too many people these diseases.

For more information about HIV/AIDS/STDs, call the Sacramento AIDS Foundation, 448-2437, or The Center for AIDS Research, Education and Services (CARES) at 443-3299. You can also call the National AIDS Hotline at 1-800-342-AIDS. They will send you several booklets in a plain brown wrapper addressed to "Resident." They are busier now, after Magic Johnson's disclosure, and it may take several tries to get through. But the brochures are excellent.

Kathy Mengle is a writer and holistic health consultant currently based in Sacramento. ©Kathy Mengle

'World' Newsletter Addresses Women and AIDS

by Keith Clark
OF MGW STAFF

SAN FRANCISCO — Rebecca Denison never thought of herself as being much different from most other young heterosexual women her age, which is 28. That is until she was diagnosed as HIV-positive last year. "I was infected by a partner that I was with in 1983," Denison says. "I was unaware of it [the infection] and I didn't take the test until 1990. I had heard about AIDS, of course, but I had heard about `risk groups' and I didn't fit into any of the risk groups so I wasn't particularly concerned about AIDS. What I've learned about since then is risk behavior." The behavior Denison was talking about is simply unprotected sex - of any kind. The Nov. 7 startling announcement by Los Angeles Lakers basketball star Magic Johnson that he has tested positive for HIV led officials with the World Health Organization the following week to release estimates that 75 percent of all people infected with HIV got it heterosexually - something most Americans tend to forget. WHO officials still say heterosexual transmission is responsible for only a small percentage of AIDS cases in the United States. But Denison and a growing number of others believe that the figures in this country are actually much higher than people think and that infected women face an especially difficult adjustment to having the virus. And that's last year she started the "WORLD" newsletter to help address some of the difficulties women infected with HIV face. "First is the stigma: Most women who are HIV positive are incredibly isolated," Denison says. "They're afraid to have people find out because they're afraid the first question is going to be `What did you do wrong to have this happen to you?' The second thing is that many women - most women - put others first. They take care of their children first, they take care of their partners first, they take care of their elderly parents first. It's really hard for a lot of women to stop and say, `I really need to take care of myself now.'" Perhaps to the surprise of many, another increasingly prominent issue the WORLD newsletter is addressing now is the fast-growing number of lesbian transmissions of the virus. Often lesbians contract AIDS from a partner who has previously slept with an infected man or been involved in IV drug use. But increasingly there is concern that the disease, which has so long been associated with sexual transmission among gay men, also poses a growing threat of sexual transmission among lesbians as well - a threat that is rarely addressed either by AIDS experts or by lesbians themselves. Most gay men know the early symptoms often connected with HIV infection by heart: night sweats, swollen lymph glands, loss of appetite, and so on. But few women, Denison says, realize that women's initial AIDS-related diseases are usually far different from those of men, many times showing up early as a chronic yeast infection. Even more of a concern, few physicians are aware of the symptoms of a possible HIV infection in female patients because the disease has been so strongly associated with men in this country. One result, she says, is that women get diagnosed much later than men do on average. But Denison says the main benefit of the WORLD newsletter for her has been the strong response from women readers around the globe. Words of defiance: "I imagine myself talking to the virus inside of me and saying, You cannot have me." Words of love: "When they told me I had a year to live I wanted to squeeze a whole life into one year. I wanted to show my children the love that I never knew how to show them before." Words of desperation by a pregnant woman: "I made the mistakes, but please, God, not my baby. Oh, not my baby, she didn't do anything. She's so innocent. Don't make her have to pay for my mistakes." Denison said, "I was really surprised when the newsletter first started up because I had been told that women don't really get involved in these kinds of things, and yet I get letters in the mail from women I've never met telling their stories and sharing their strength." Denison says she initially went through the shame and disbelief many women go through when they learn they've been infected but that it was her own anger later at finding the limited services available to women with AIDS and HIV infection a decade after the epidemic began that made her start "WORLD." "I spent the first week [after the test results] hiding because I couldn't face people. But as soon as I started trying to access service and realized how many doors were closed to women, that made me angry. And when you get me angry it has a tendency to get me doing something about it." The "WORLD" newsletter can be contacted by writing to them at P. O. Box 11535, Oakland CA 94611.▼

Center Receives $25,000

The Chemical Dependency Center for Women announced it has received a $25,000 donation from INSURE, a charitable foundation sponsored by the life and health insurance industry, to help fund its AIDS service project.

The center's project, "Women's Voices—Our Voices," targets women incarcerated at Rio Consumnes Correctional Center, a Sacramento County jail facility. The program provides basic AIDS education and counseling on living skills and attitudes to help improve the women's lives.

Robert Rever, president of the Sacramento-based CalFarm Life Insurance Company, presented a $25,000 check from INSURE, a national non-profit foundation sponsored by member companies of the American Council of Life Insurance (ACLI) and the Health Insurance Association of America (HIAA).

Carol Casaday, executive director of the center, said that the grant was made on a matching basis, with the Sierra Foundation contributing an additional $12,500.

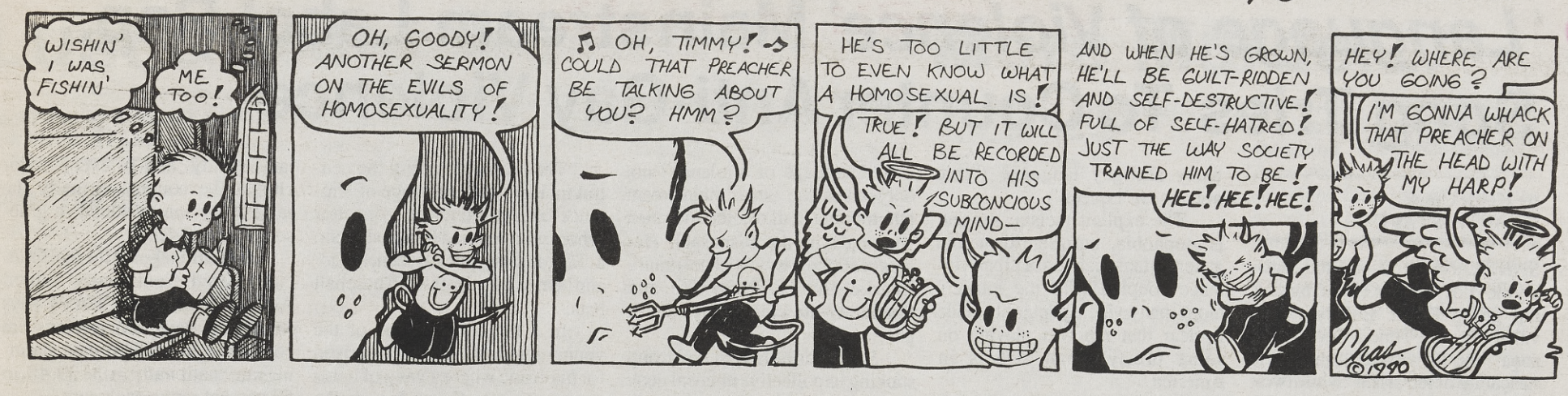
Rever said that, through its memberships in ACLI and HIAA, CalFarm Life participates in INSURE, which has contributed $2 million of the AIDS effort in the past three years.

Denis F. Mullane, INSURE chairman and CEO and president of Connecticut Mutual Life Insurance Company, said his organization has set out to fund AIDS education and prevention services to communities throughout the country. The life and health insurance industry provides more funding for these services than any other business or industry group, Mullane added. INSURE is part of a comprehensive program, the Insurance Industry AIDS Initiative, which has given $28 million to support AIDS education and services since 1986. ACLI and HIAA recently approved another three-year funding of INSURE through 1994.

The Chemical Dependency Center for Women has provided chemical dependency treatment and counseling services in Sacramento County since 1978. The center is funded through the county Health Department Division of Alcoholism and Drug Programs, the AIDS Education and Prevention Unit, the Sierra Foundation, the United Way and private contributions.▼

Bittersweet

by Charles Haver


WISHIN' I WAS FISHIN'
ME TOO!
OH, GOODY! ANOTHER SERMON ON THE EVILS OF HOMOSEXUALITY!
♫ OH, TIMMY! ♫ COULD THAT PREACHER BE TALKING ABOUT YOU? HMM?
HE'S TOO LITTLE TO EVEN KNOW WHAT A HOMOSEXUAL IS!
TRUE! BUT IT WILL ALL BE RECORDED INTO HIS SUBCONCIOUS MIND—
AND WHEN HE'S GROWN, HE'LL BE GUILT-RIDDEN AND SELF-DESTRUCTIVE! FULL OF SELF-HATRED! JUST THE WAY SOCIETY TRAINED HIM TO BE!
HEE! HEE! HEE!
HEY! WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
I'M GONNA WHACK THAT PREACHER ON THE HEAD WITH MY HARP!
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THE CHOSEN FAMILY

Do you sometimes get DISORIENTED and think your lover is your mother?
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YES, MOM... I MEAN PAM
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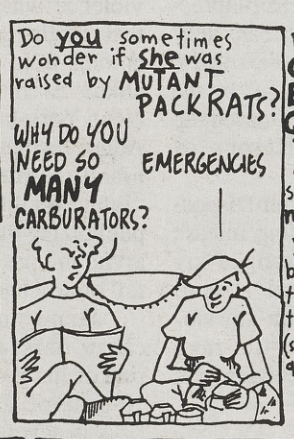
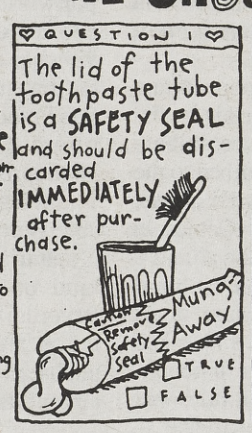


Perhaps your **C**leanliness/ **E**fficiency **Q**uotients are **incompatible** and your relationship was just not **meant to be.** You and your beloved can find the answers to these nagging (so to speak) questions by taking the following **CEQ**uiz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Remove safety seal
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TRUE
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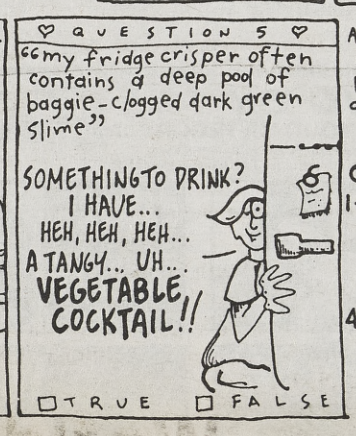

♡ QUESTION 5 ♡
"my fridge crisper often contains a deep pool of baggie-clogged dark green slime"
SOMETHING TO DRINK?
I HAVE... HEH, HEH, HEH... A TANGY... UH... VEGETABLE COCKTAIL!!
TRUE
FALSE

Add up your individual scores, **TRUE = 1 pt. FALSE = 2 pts.** then check your point spread.

POINT SPREAD

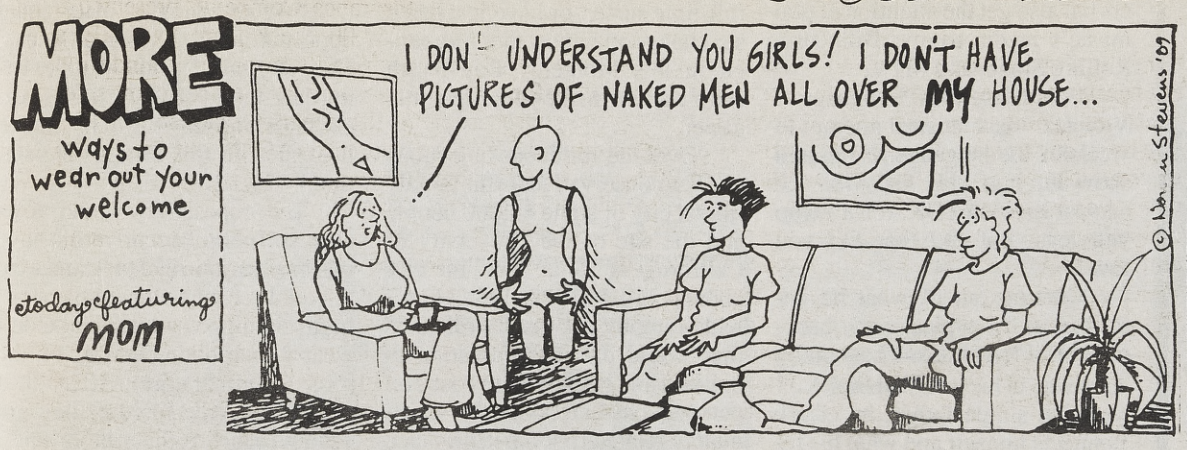
0 A perfect match!

1-3 More than sex, fidelity, money + your ex-husband combined, **this** will be a source of conflict. Good luck!

4-5 She drives you crazy, doesn't she? Give serious thought to living apart and remember – it's nobody's fault.*

*this is a lie – everything is always the wife's fault.

THE CHOSEN FAMILY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(5) 'Language of Violence' Mainstream Label Rap Song Tries To Counter Anti-Gay Violence

by Keith Clark
OF MGW STAFF

SAN FRANCISCO—In mid-January the "Los Angeles Times" blasted rap group Public Enemy's new video "By the Time I Get to Arizona" for its violent "approving caricature of terrorism" while two-thirds of those responding to an MTV call-in survey said violent fantasy rap is a legitimate form of protest.

Last November, pop culture watchers shook their heads in dismay when rapper Ice Cube's album "Death Certificate" climbed to the No. 2 spot on Billboard's charts. The Simon Wisenthal Center in New York denounced the album's malice-filled lyrics as a "cultural Molotov cocktail" because of its virulent anti-Semitism and asked record store chains around the country to stop selling it. But little was said about "Death Certificate's" nasty anti-gay language ("true niggers ain't queer").

The explicit racism, sexism, homophobia, anti-Semitism and general glamorization of urban violence coupled with the music's more-than-evident popularity made it clear that rap was playing on some pretty mean streets in America.

But in February the hip-hop pop world is going to get an unprecedented dose of mainstream anti-violence medicine with the release of "Language of Violence" by the San Francisco Bay Area-based rap group Disposable Heroes of Hiphoprisy.

What's unique about Disposable Heroes' forthcoming release is that it's the first pop song of any kind on a major label (Island Records) to tackle the anti-gay violence that continues to rage unabated in most the country's larger cities.

"Language of Violence" not only takes the issue mainstream but, topping it all off, the four men who make up the Disposable Heroes of Hiphoprisy - Michael Franti, Charlie Hunter, Rono Tse and Simone White - themselves aren't gay.

So why is a straight rap group sticking its collective musical neck out raising a fuss about anti-gay violence when doing things like that might get them ostracized among fellow rappers and fans alike? Even Disposable Heroes' New York-based publicist, Bill Adler, recognizes the career risks Franti, the group's lead, is running. "Whatever difficulties I might find publicizing the record are secondary to the possible heat that could fall on Michael's shoulders."

Franti himself sloughs off the career risks. For him it's all just part of his gutsy musical attitude. "It's one of several songs that take risks in several areas," he says. "I felt there was a void here, that this is a topic that needed to be addressed and it doesn't necessarily have to come from the gay community. In fact, coming from a non-gay group it may be more resounding among people who aren't gay, among a lot of people would say, `Oh there they go - the faggots are just sounding off again'."

The single will be shipped out by Island Records Feb. 3 and should be in record stores by Feb. 10. Island will also be holding a high-glamor press conference here early next month to publicize the single that's expected to draw not only the usual cadre of mainstream reporters but also get the attention of pop music's media trinity: Billboard, Rolling Stone, and MTV.

Franti describes "Language of Violence" as a musical attempt to "reclaim the language of rap and show hip-hop kids that violence against gays isn't OK. It isn't who you love, but /it./ that /it./ you love."

Coming out of what he describes as "a typical jock background," Franti himself has come a long way in his personal life. A 25-year-old single father, he clearly connects himself and what his fellow Disposable Heroes are doing musically to the nascent men's movement. "I want to take the message to the kids in the clubs and the streets that you don't have to express your masculinity through violence," he says.

The "story" forming the central incident in "Language of Violence" is about ten teenagers after school who corner a fellow student, a "faggot, sissy, punk, queen, queer" and beat him to death with baseball bats.

In a bitter irony, one of the young assailants is sent to prison for his crime where a gang of hardened cons now finger him as the "faggot, sissy, punk, queen, queer" and brutally rape him "then just left him bleeding in the corner," just as he had left his own victim.

"Who is really the victim? Or are we all the cause, and victim of it all?" the song asks.

With a tough, thumbs-in-pocket pulse and a haunting sampled phrase that periodically laces above it, "Language of Violence" combines oddly sexual rhythms with intelligent and perceptive lyrics and Franti's grim, apocalyptic vocalizings.

The tale is, Franti says, just a hypothetical incident. But art imitates reality, and in every major city in the country virtually the same story can be found in gruesome factual detail.

And Jill Tregor of the San Francisco-based Community United Against Violence (CUAV) says attacks on gays and lesbians are continuing to escalate at an alarming rate "nationally in the 30, 40, to 50 percent range each year."

In the Bay Area, CUAV figures indicate anti-gay attacks increased 35 percent in 1990 and, although 1991 data isn't yet complete, Tregor says the group already expects "a significant increase" over 1990's count.

National data on anti-gay assaults also shows that 94 percent of anti-gay attackers are males and 80 percent are 28 years of age or younger - the prime age for the hip-hop and rap market. And that, Disposable Heroes' Franti says, is more than sufficient reason for youth-oriented musicians to be addressing the problem and "telling the kids the violence has got to stop."▼

Personal Appearance Law Would Include Transsexual, Transvestites

by Keith Clark
OF MGW STAFF

SANTA CRUZ, Calif. — If you're a punk rocker with a purple Mohawk, ultra-trendy with a ring though your nose, overweight, a full-time surfer, or have just had a sex change operation, the city council in this Monterey Bay beach town wants to make your life a little easier.

Over the strenuous objections of a few conservatives in the largely liberal city of some 45,000 people and the site of the University of California at Santa Cruz, the city council will decide on Feb. 11 on a wide-ranging proposed ordinance that would bar discrimination in housing and employment based on personal characteristics not legitimately related to job performance or housing. The proposed law would include sexual orientation, as well as height, weight, personal grooming (hair styles, earrings, nose rings, and the like), and clothing styles.

But in what is believed to be the first attempt of its kind, the ordinance will also prohibit employment and housing bias against "transgendered individuals." The ordinance would also ban discrimination because of styles of clothing, including discrimination against transvestites, the measure's author says.

Councilman Neal Coonerty, the sponsor of the proposal, said he wanted the ordinance to be "as broad as possible" in an attempt to eliminate discrimination on issues that "aren't directly related to a person's ability to pay the rent or do a particular job."

Although existing gender bias laws are generally believed to also prohibit discrimination against transsexuals, legal experts say that application of the laws has never actually been tested in court. Coonerty also says he's heard of instances of transsexuals who have been discriminated against but did nothing about it because they didn't believe they were protected under existing laws.

"We're trying to offer equal opportunities to all our citizens," Coonerty said. "And even if existing law might include transsexuals, there's no reason we can't make it explicit in this kind of legislation."

The proposed law would, however, still permit employers to have reasonable job-related standards. "I could see why someone operating a printing press maybe shouldn't wear 7-inch hoop earrings on the job," Coonerty said. "After all, it could be pretty nasty if they got caught in one of the print drums."

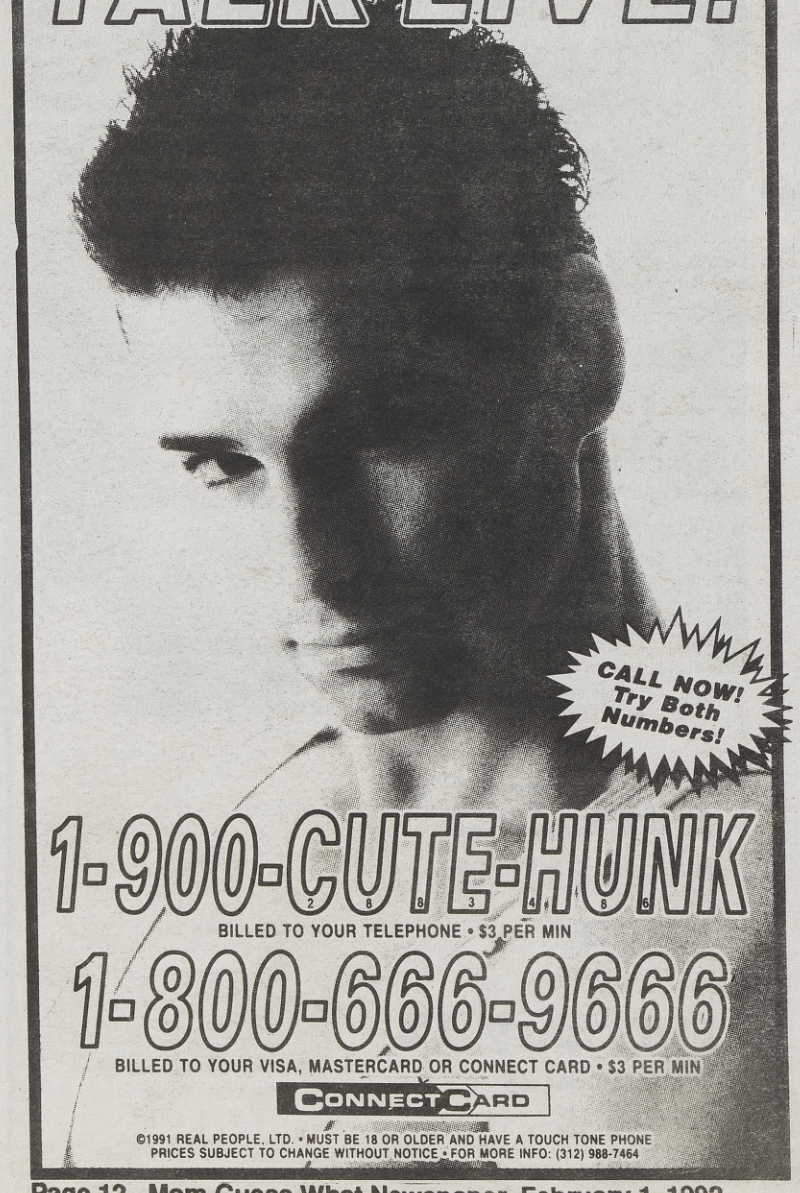
The law also would not cover personal grooming that could present legitimate health hazards.

Councilman John Mahaney, who considers himself a conservative, objects to Coonerty's proposed legislation, saying it would make people see this as "another nutty thing Santa Cruz is up to."

But Coonerty, who owns a small business in the town, says the ordinance "would only improve the quality of workers hired" in the city by eliminating irrelevant issues.

"There's no legitimate reason in the world," Coonerty said, "that a punk rocker with a Mohawk can't operate a computer or a transsexual can't be a perfectly fine office manager or someone who weights 250 pounds isn't able to sell real estate. It's about time we grew up and started examining people's skills instead of judging their abilities based on what they look like."

Coonerty, who himself weighs in at more than 200 pounds, quipped that he hoped his weight didn't put him in "a conflict of interest."▼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Lust & Murder...

Reviewed by Elisabeth Pyle
OF MGW STAFF

After The Fire

Jane Rule
The Naiad Press, Inc., 1989
Box 10543
Tallahasssee, Florida 32302
$8.95

The fantasy of running off to live on an island off the coast of Washington after your lover dumps you, has to be one of the most frequent thoughts that I entertain. (Frequently thought, not frequently dumped.) Karen Tasuki, the heroine, does exactly that.

Part-time waitress, part-time ferry toll taker, full time observer of the living of lives of the women of the island. Karen is an observer of her own life, examining her responses and participating in the events of the small community. She "handles" the men and nurtures the women.

Jane Rule's strong writing and allowing the reader to judge the characters make this a fine novel. Great for cold, grey afternoons when you see yourself in the middle of Puget Sound but are surrounded by I-5, Highway 50, 99 and Business 80.▼

The Beverly Malibu

Katherine V. Forrest
The Naiad Press, Inc., 1989
Box 10543
Tallahasssee, Florida 32302
273 pages
$16.95 (hardback), $9.95 (paperback)

For those of us die-hard mystery fans that are living for the day that Jill Smith dumps Seth Howard and falls in bed with Connie Perina or V.I. Warshawshi completes a relationship with ***any*** of her old basketball team—Kate Delafield gives us hope in *Beverly Malibu*—and solves a few murders in the meantime.

The irreplaceable Anne is on her way to being the past while Aimee grant is the future.

Katherine V. Forrest never disappoints and often surprises in this latest of the hard-boiled lesbian law enforcement detective series. The characters are b-movie Hollywood has-beens or simply eccentrics.

If you enjoy the Hollywood genre of mysteries . . . if you want your main gumshoe to be a lesbian . . . then read this one. It never leaves you wanting more. And for all former English majors, it is well-written.▼

The Hallelujah Murders

Dorothy Tell
The Naiad Press, Inc., 1991
Box 10543
Tallahasssee, Florida 32302
152 pages
$8.95

All right, I admit, I am a latecomer to the Poppy Dillworth detective mysteries. But what a delightful discovery! And considering that there is only one previous novel, I think I will catch up fast.

The older lesbian communal living group in Texas is rocked by the death of a newly committed 'Save the River' activist so they call in their old buddy Poppy and her new lover Belle to find the perpetrator. Through good ol' girl techniques and her up-to-date Camcorder, Poppy derives the truth from the lying, thieving bandits.

And the best news, it isn't who you think it is.

Well written, fast paced, has a dog and cats in it—this is a winner.▼

Cody Angel

Joanne Witfield
New Victoria Publishers, 1991
215 pages
$8.95

Girl leaves home. Lover leaves girl for husband. Girl loses job. Girl rear-ends old lady. Girld pays for damage by becoming old lady's maid. Girld has series of emotionally abusive relationships with old lover, new lovers, old lady. Girl attends group meetings for A.A., Sex and Love Addicts Anonymous, Artists Anonymous. Girl gets act together (ahem). Old lover comes back. End of story.

Good for readers who want to remind themselves that someone is in worse shape than they are.▼

Murder Is Germane

Karen Saum
The Naiad Press, Inc., 1991
Box 10543
Tallahasssee, Florida 32302
214 pages
$8.95

O.K. Tired of the mystery novel where the heroine is young and svelte? Tired of the mysterious stranger being the bad guy/woman? Tired of the "I've got it figured out in chapter two" genre of writing? Try this one.

The heroine, Brigid Donovan is a fifty-two year old rennounced nun meeting old acquaintances—both family and friends—in the hinterlands of Panama and Maine. She uses logic and feelings to discern the motives in an international tale of mystery and intricacies. You find yourself wanting to be in her place but moving a step faster. The "don't go into that room" or "stay out of that bed" thought syndrome is a major part of reading this novel.

Saum is witty, bright and enjoyable. Worth the time and the trip to the bookstore to pick up this release.▼

Sparkling Lavender Dust Of Lust

Tee Corinne
Banned Books, 1991
122 pages
$8.95

You know the feeling that you're the only lesbian in town? Except you're in San Francisco.

What's wrong with this picture?

So you go out, apply for a job with a publishing firm called Queer Jazz Press. Get your photo taken by a hot lesbian photographer and get involved with involved women.

Boring.▼

More Murder...

Murder By Tradition

Katherine V. Forrest
The Naiad Press, Inc.
Box 10543
Tallahasssee, Florida 32302
$18.95

Reviewed by Tim Kelleher
OF MGW STAFF

Lambda Literary Award winner, Katherine V. Forrest, certainly captured this writer's attention with this well-written, suspenseful novel about LAPD homicide detective Kate Delafield. If you're looking for a quick and enjoyable read, this snapshot of our times is for you. Detective Delafield walks into your head on page 1 and exits on page 272 unaware of the impact she has had on the reader, yet very aware of the pride she has engendered in the Gay and Lesbian community of Los Angeles.

Murder and homophobia, fear and prejudice, naivete and anger; all are packaged in this fast moving, down-to-earth courtroom drama as experienced by a strong-willed and sensitive lesbian officer of the law. The story line is simple: The murder of a young gay restaurant owner in downtown L.A. is investigated and taken to trial. What is not simple is the true-to-life assemblage of characters, the emotional and psychological pressure forced upon the lives of these people, and the resulting personal and community anger sparked by the macrame of circumstances surrounding the legal processes, the interpersonal relationships of the characters, and the enticingly clever disguise of the ever-present specter: homophobia.

Kate Delafield has a male partner she's worked with for seven years. She also has a new, young lover, Aimee, an integral part of Kate's strength throughout the investigation. The public defender, Linda Foster, straight, attractive, and bright, finds herself prosecuting her first homicide case. Young Teddie Crawford, the dead man, "comes to life" though our getting to know his friends, his business partner, and the West Hollywood world in which he lives. The murder, Kyle Jensen, and his defending attorney, Kenneth Pritchard, paint for the reader a world so familiar, so subtle, and yet so repulsive, one wonders how we have ever managed to come so far in our fight for justice.

Murder By Tradition, the title, labels this story well. It should also title the legal process so simply depicted in this powerful tale. Traditional values, traditional biases, and traditional injustices are pondered, reacted to, and in most cases shattered by Forrest's poignant questioning. Not that everything is sweetly resolved in this story, certainly not. In fact, *Murder By Tradition* makes very clear that so much of what we hold dear, our pride as homosexuals, is murdered by "tradition". As Detective Delafield shares what Public Defender Foster has told her "...it's gay people who aren't angry enough"!

Tim Kelleher is a consultant in management development and free-lance writer.▼

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Naked Lunch is a Walk on the Human Wild Side

by Matthew Kennedy
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Ian Holm plays decadent expatriate Tom Frost, and Peter Weller plays writer William Lee

Hollywood has produced a rare perfect match. David Cronenberg, the director of such creepy entries as Dead Ringers, The Fly, and The Dead Zone has made a movie of Naked Lunch, the 1959 hallucinogenic nightmare novel of William Burroughs. It is intriguing that Burrough's allegorical vision of homoëroticism,addiction, decadance, decay and death appeared in print soon after the McCarthy era left the country intellectually and artistically straitjacketed. Thirty-three years later, with the conservative right in control of the Supreme Court, and enormous support for the likes of Pat Buchanan and David Duke, the movie makes it to the screen. Is it irony, or do repressive times inspire bold art?

Naked Lunch is not for the faint-hearted, filled as it is with some of the clammiest images imaginable. Giant insistent bugs talk through their anuses and are ever-present, like cockroaches in a Manhattan ghetto. Still, the various gross-outs are surprisingly easy to endure, for this tribute to hell in a typewriter is constantly entertaining. There is none of the gratuitous squirm-in-your-seat madness of pure exploitation movies. Naked Lunch is a comedy under all of its dark and sinister trappings. This nonsense called human life is really one big joke. Nothing is so hideous on screen that we forget it's the work of clever people putting together a bizarre world.

There is actually a plot to follow, which may surprise readers of the novel. Peter Weller (Robocop) is the somnambulistic hero Bill Lee, bug exterminator and drug addict. His wife Joan (Judy Davis) is strung out on bug powder, but that is not the main problem. She's actually a secret agent and bug from Interzone. After a killing, Bill escapes to Interzone, where his writing becomes more desperate. Typewriters become bugs, nighmares become reality, and Interzone looks a lot like Tangier, which represents "the other", be it the creative state, the drug-induced vision, wandering from home, or any crossing of a dangerous and unknown threshold.

Naked Lunch is firmly rooted with a blistering, brilliant screenplay layered with symbolic intrigue. We are told right away to "exterminate all rational thought", which is very good advice. Are the hallucinations of the mind run amok, with drugs (including bug powder) an attempt to subdue the visions, or are the visions a response to the drugs themselves? No matter, no one can smugly escape Cronenberg's stunning study of the desolation of humanity. All the thrashing about, the devouring of each other and ourselves, can't change the solitude we all must endure to death.

Naked Lunch has very little of the paranoid and cautionary elements of other nightmare-vision-classics such as Animal Farm, Brave New World, and the more recent The Handmaid's Tale. The enemy here is not a government overrun by ideological excesses. This cancer is more horrible and uncontrollable, because it comes from within the mind. Any attempt at pleasure, sexual or otherwise, is stopped short by flesh-crawling images. What makes them compelling? What is this mingling of desire, pain, interspecies metamorphosis, violation and death? Cronenberg is successful at grossing out and titillating simultaneously, which is no simple feat. The accomplishment deserves a round of Mugwump cocktails at the Interzone canteen.

Joseph Scorsiani (right) plays accomodating young boy named Kiki

Terrio-Griffin Lawsuit Heats Up

by Keith Clark
OF MGW STAFF

HOLLYWOOD, Calif. — Deney Terrio briefly found fame as a television dancer back in the late 1970s. But when the disco craze died, so did his show. Now Terrio is back in the public spotlight, only this time it's because of a lawsuit he's filed against his former boss, Merv Griffin, and allegations Griffin wanted to do some dirty dancing of his own with Terrio.

When disco fever hit the U.S. in the 1970s, dancer and choreographer Denny Terrio may not have been one of its premiere exponents, but when he became John Travolta's personal dance instructor, teaching him disco moves that only pure polyester pants could withstand, he certainly added a few degrees to the country's temperature.

When it became clear that Saturday night fever was spreading like a winter flu, media mogul Merv Griffin was quick to capitalize on the trend and make Denny Terrio a star. "The young man about to join us is the hottest and most exciting disco dancer in the nation," said Griffin in introducing Terrio on his syndicated TV program.

Griffin was determined not to let the glittering disco ball drop so he created a TV show called "Dance Fever" and he made Terrio the host.

"When he said I had talent, and I danced great and had animal magnetism, I said, well, that's wonderful," Terrio said recently. "Here's a guy that was going to take my career and make me a star and make me rich." After hosting "Dance Fever" for several seasons, Terrio did become rich and famous, but it all ended seven years ago. Terrio is now 41 years old and the phone for a new TV show hasn't rung for some time. Disco is dead, and Terrio's dancing shoes were buried along with it.

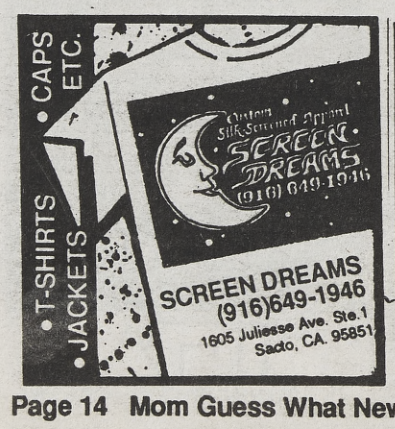
But after seven years of obscurity, Terrio has decided to sue his show business benefactor Merv Griffin for more than $11 million on charges of sexual harassment.

"I went up to his [Griffin's] suite to see him," Terrio told NBC-TV's "A Current Affair" program. "I was sitting on the couch and he told me he wanted to become comfortable. When he came back ... he was in a pair of bikini underwear, and it kind of shock me and I jumped back. He just kind of started rubbing me and kissing me. I was terrified. I kept pushing back saying, Merv I'm not ready for this. I mean, what do you say to a man that is like a father figure to me, and now all of a sudden he's on top of me and breathing hard and taking my clothes off."

Terrio claims that he was fired as the host of "Dance Fever" because he rebuffed Merv's alleged advances. But just two years ago in a sworn statement, Terrio claimed he lost his job because of injuries he sustained in an auto accident.

"I was in a traffic accident," Terrio acknowledges. "On `Dance Fever' the last year I missed a bunch of shows." When Terrio was asked whether it was the car accident or Merv that ended his job on "Dance Fever," he said, "It's a little of both. It's a lot of one and a little of the other. Why does it have to be one or the other? There was a car accident. Am I supposed to tell two insurance agents in a traffic accident that I was sexually molested? I'm just coming out with the truth."

Denise Paladino, one of Terrio's ex-girlfriends who lived with him for four years, however, sees "the truth" differently. "He's a complete control freak," she said. "He's got an ego on him that is bigger than life. He's been canceled, he's got a horrible reputation behind him, and where's he going to go? I think he's trying to drag Merv down. I think he's trying to pick Merv's pocket."▼



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We the people...on personal heroism and the American family in *Fifth of July*

by James A. Fitzpatrick
OF MGW STAFF

Lansford Wilson understands the American family. He knows what makes it tick. And what makes it falter. And like so many pieces by this prolific playwright, Fifth of July uses the American family as a microcosm of the larger family of humanity, complete with all the foibles, fears and mistakes that are rampant in society at large. If that seems like a pessimistic attitude, fear not. Wilson's observations always point toward a happier, promising future, one based on the ever-evolving education that is life.

Watching Sacramento Theater Company's exhilarating production of Fifth of July is not unlike sitting through the kind of family gathering many of us experience around various holidays. There's a combination of apprehension and expectation, joy and sorrow, as diverse personalities share both happy and remorseful memories of the past and uncertain fears of the future. It's a platform that Wilson uses to fashion a script that's at once hysterically funny and powerfully poignant.

Fifth of July--chronologically the last in a trilogy of Wilson plays revolving around the Talley family--takes place on July 4th and 5th, 1977, at the large but run-down Missouri farmhouse of Kenneth Talley, Jr. (played by Nicholas Dorr), a gay man who lost both legs in the Viet Nam war. He lives there with his lover Jed Jenkins (Eric David Johnson) who is content to tend his English garden while observing the Talley family's behavior with bemused indifference. While the couple, at first impression, seem to share total domestic bliss, there is an underlying problem threatening their stability.

Ken has decided he cannot keep his job as a high school teacher because of the students' negative reaction to his physical condition and is prepared to sell the farmhouse over the objections of June Talley (Kristin Giroux), Ken's sister. John Landis (Remi Sandri), a childhood friend of the Talley's, wants to purchase the farmhouse for his wife Gwen (Lura Dolas), an aspiring country singer who is so stage shy she claims to be the "only singer who ever spent more money on the shrink than on the band." John ends up in a bidding war for the house with Sally Friedman (Sara Woods), Ken and June's aunt who for the past year has been keeping her late husband's ashes in a candy box. When Sally wins the bidding war, Jed announces his intentions--with Sally's support--to continue living on the farmhouse.

During the first act (the evening of July 4th), we become acquainted with the characters, learning something about the steamy sixties past of Ken, John, Gwen and June, when they all lived in the hallucinogenic days of a drug-driven Berkeley, protesting the war and partying. Rounding out the characters are Shirley Talley (Kristina Goodnight), the obnoxious but lovable 14 year old illegitimate daughter of June by John, who catches Gwen and John in the act ("He was fully dressed and Gwen was fully naked! And he was performing cunnilingus all over her and his face was all over mucus and it was the most disgusting thing I've ever seen!"). And Weston Hurley (Clay Wilcox) is a spacey coomposer friend of Gwen who provides many of the play's more amusing moments, as when he tells a repulsive anecdote, disgusting the other characters, but also serving as one of the play's analogies for heroism.

It's in Act II that the fireworks really begin, when some of John's underhanded schemes are exposed, the truth about Ken's induction into the Army after scheming with John and Gwen to avoid it is revealed, and Ken's subconscious fears regarding his physical handicap are abruptly brought to the surface, bringing the play to a powerful climax. But because Ken is forced to confront his fears head-on, he is now able to deal with them, able now to joke "I may never dance 'Swan Lake' again." It's a heroic effort, more of a testament to heroism in the play than the fact that Ken received five medals in the war ("They were handed out like aspirin.").

We have come to expect great things from the Sacramento Theater Company (the professional resident theater is now in its 50th anniversary season), and Fifth of July is no exception. The cast, under the careful guidance of Director Tim Ocel, works exceptionally well together, entirely believable as family and friends who have known one another for years, even generations. Equally impressive are the contume designs by B. Modern (Shirley and Gwen's outfits are wonderfully outrageous), and Jeffrey Struckman's meticulously detailed indoor-outdoor set--probably the finest I've ever seen.

Fifth of July plays Tuesdays through Sundays through February 16. Call the Sacramento Theater Company box office at 443-6722 for more information and ticket orders.

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Judy and Barbra, aka Jim Bailey, Play Garbeau's in AIDS Benefit

By James Fitzpatrick
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The lights dimmed, the band lit into the Garland Overture, the crown shivered with anticipation. Then, as the band reached the final strands of the overture, Judy Garland walked on the stage, greeted by thunderous applause.

Was this Carnegie Hall, 1962? No, try Garbeau's Dinner Theatre, Saturday night, January 18, 1992. And Garland was actually Jim Bailey, female impersonator extraordinaire. In the second of four nights of appearances, alternating between Judy and Barbra Streisand, dinner and cocktail shows, Bailey thrilled his audience with the wit and wonder of Judy Garland. All to benefit Heartstrings, a fundraising event for AIDS.

Bailey's show is no drag performance. It's not even camp in the common sense. No, those who are familiar with Bailey know that when he performs this most famous of his acts, he doesn't just impersonate the legend, he becomes her. And that he did.

While physical appearance is the only weak link (and it's a light one at that) in Bailey's chain of Garland illusions, he overcomes it through the meticulous use of makeup. As a result, at first glance he looks very much like Garland. Upon closer inspection, the resemblance is less pronounced. What is truly extraordinary, however, is Bailey's exact duplication of every Garland nuance—the tugging at the ear, the playful touch of the hair, the halting, completely endearing manner of stage banter. And even more remarkable is Bailey's voice. It's Garland, pure and simple. Listen to a recording of Bailey singing Garland, and the similarity is chilling. Not unlike a "live versus Memorex" commercial. And at a time when so many pop artists lip sync on stage, it's impossible to deny the pure artistic intent of what many would consider a "drag queen", to perform live the seemingly impossible—singing with someone else's voice.

Needless to say, Saturday night's performance was a delight to both Garland and Bailey fans. Bailey sang most, if not all, of the great Garland standards. And, like Garland, entertained audiences with humorous anecdotes about life at

Jim Bailey as Judy Garland

Photo by Pamela Coffey

MGM, in particular, *The Wizard of Oz*. Bailey's description of the Munchkins and their fondness for Billie Burke was, of course, overstated. Garland was never that bawdy on stage. But behind the scenes it was another story, and Bailey's stories were in true character. Only once during the show did things seem not quite right. That was during Bailey's performance of "The Man That Got Away." While his voice was true to Garland's, the band's arrangement seemed inconsistent with every other arrangement of the song I've ever heard.

Monday night's added cocktail show featured Bailey as Barbra Streisand. Although the show was good, his Streisand is not quite as polished as is his Garland. The vocals were sometimes a little off, particularly during the slower songs. And Bailey takes a slightly more humorous—shall we say campy?—approach to Babs. Which works for the most part. Of course, we all know how stage shy the real Streisand is, and naturally, Bailey is the opposite. Of course, doing a stage-frightened Streisand wouldn't be much of a show, would it? There were some technical problems as well when the spot light suddenly dimmed. (Streisand on a dark stage? The ignominy!!) Not to worry. Bailey handled it with flair, staying completely in character.

What all this is to say is that as Streisand, Bailey is very, very good. As Garland, he's unbelievable. Which on both accounts makes for thoroughly enjoyable entertainment. Of course, as one friend pointed out, Bailey as Garland is so convincing, it's kind of disappointing. For a minute you think this is actually Judy on stage. Then you remember it's not, and you really, really, really want it to be. Well, my friend, Bailey is as close to the real thing as we'll ever get.

Kudos to Bo Butkovich and the staff at Garbeau's for bringing Jim Bailey to Sacramento and for donating all proceeds to the AIDS relief organization Heartstrings. A great show benefiting a worthy cause. Now, that's entertainment.▼

Co-Dependence . . . Do You Carry "My Fault Insurance?"

By Sandray Warne, M.A., MFCCI

Valentines Day is coming up again and for those suffering from co-dependence it could be life-threatening or life-sustaining. Co-dependence is a subsyndrome of the addictive process and it shares many of the characteristics of addiction. It can be debilitating and painful.

Co-dependence has been much written about in recent years and much misunderstood. It is not a problem that exists exclusively for the partner of the addict or alcoholic. Co-dependence is a disorder of the "self" and primarily effects identification. Co-dependents feel they have no intrinsic worth of their own; almost all of their identity comes from the outside. This is sometimes referred to as "external referencing." Ones sense of identity comes through relationships with others. Co-dependents are relationship addicts and use their relationships as a "fix". Relationships are used to alter moods, just as alcohol and drugs are used by addicts. Negative consequences of relationships are often ignored or denied. Co-dependents are motivated by fear, fear of being or feeling nothing without the relationship. This holds the problem in place. Co-dependent people will do almost anything to stay in a relationship, regardless of how awful the relationship is.

Co-dependents tend to dismiss their own perceptions of situations until they are verified by someone else. They notoriously mistrust their own judgements and will often take on the moods of people they are with. Co-dependents generally have an underdeveloped sense of self, are externally identified, and thus, often become caretakers. Co-dependents believe they can control other peoples perceptions of them by taking care of all the other persons so-called "needs". When they can't control everything, they usually view themselves as failures, which often leads to depression.

Co-dependents get progressively away from and out of touch with their own feelings. They become so pre-occupied with fulfilling other's expectations that they have lost touch with themselves. In order to be accepted they deny their own experience. It can be very frightening, and an experience of emptiness and fear. Co-dependents don't believe people want them around for their intrinsic worth, so they try to make themselves indispensable. This is done by "taking careof"-----and doing things for others that they can and need to do for themselves.

Co-dependents also exhibit a selfishness that is somewhat different than that of the addict or alcoholic, but it is no less destructive. The self-centeredness of the co-dependent is quite subtle. Unlike the arrogance of the alcoholic, the co-dependent's self-centeredness is in believing that everything that happens to a significant other happens because of something you, the co-dependent , did. They do indeed believe that in that way they are the center of the universe. "You're unhappy? What did I do wrong?" They not only think that they cause everything but that they can also make everything better. They personalize events. Co-dependents take responsibility for others; their feelings, their thoughts, even their lives. This is the most gentle, loving, and killing kind of self-centeredness.

Eventually others get resentful of the co-dependent. No one wants to believe that they can't live without someone else. This is very confusing for the co-dependent who does not understand why they have become the brunt of their partner's hostility and anger after having been smothered, manipulated and made more dependent by the co-dependent. They don't understand why others are angry at them for just trying to do the right thing.

The treatment of co-dependence is a difficult and a slow process because so much of what they do in life is motivated by fear and reaction, rather than action. When one is constantly fearful they are also rigid in body, mind and soul. When they become overwhelmed, they become confused, and thus controlling. It is difficult to treat because treatment requires letting go of some of the control.

Co-dependence evolves because of an intrinsic lack of feelings of self-worth. The need for unconditional love and acceptance in early life is central to healthy mental development and self-esteem. Somewhere in early developmental stages the child felt that it needed to be externally identified to achieve love. All of the trappings outside of the self became the reward system for "being". Among these could have been good grades, perfect behavior, good looks, nice friends, or high achievement.

Like alcoholism, co-dependence is a cunning and baffling disease. It is also a disease for which recovery is possible. Healing requires support, good tools and very hard work. For many a combination of therapy and a twelve step program is the most effective treatment.

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More Women Charging Therapist With Sexual Harassment

by Keith Clark
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PALO ALTO, Calif.—Three more women have come forward charging that a lesbian psychologist whose state license is under investigation suffered physical and mental harm from sexual and emotional abuse they experienced while they were her patients.

The women, whose identities are being shielded, filed a lawsuit against Cynthia Shapira claiming that she recklessly disregarded their well being in "a base manner that falls far short of ... a competent health care provider." The women's accusations parallel 33 pending charges against Shapira by other women patients that are being reviewed by the state Board of Medical Quality Assurance, including gross negligence in her therapy practice, sexual misconduct involving patients, unauthorized communication of confidential information, and functioning outside her field of competence.

Shapira, 34, has been a licensed psychologists in the state since 1986. She and her attorney have repeatedly refused to talk with reports about the charges since they were filed in October. In addition to the charges pending with the state, three other former patients also filed civil lawsuits against Shapira in November, alleging similar offenses.

In the current suit, filed in Santa Clara County Superior Court by attorney Susan Steiger Dondershire, Shapira was characterized as a "pseudo-professional whose only purpose appears to be immediate gratification of [her] needs... . She can be likened to a kindergarten teacher whose sole purpose in teaching is to fondle and or abuse trusting/dependent 5-year-olds."

In the current suit, one woman claims Shapira sexually harassed her, rebuked her about her personal appearance and finally banished her from treatment in front of other patients.

"She sucked patients into her web, reduced them to blobs of vulnerability and blind trust and dependency, then raped their bodies and robbed them of their money. She was obsessed with making money," the suit charges.

Another women involved in the suit charges that Shapira has continued to harass her former patient, calling her at work and at home, accosting her in public and begging her former client to have sex with her.

The lawsuit by the three women says they are experiencing various physical and psychological problems as a result of their experiences with Shapira in therapy, including insomnia, nightmares, ulcers, weight loss and other post-traumatic stress disorders.

No date for a hearing in the lawsuit has yet been set.▼

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▼ pet talk

The ABC's of Responsible Pet Ownership

by Joan Guertin
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This past week saw both the County Board of Supervisors and the Sacramento City Council addressing the very real problem of Pet Overpopulation. Unlike the San Mateo issue, no one has mouthed the fearsome words "breeding ban." However, the County has approved the formation of a Task Force to investigate alternative solutions to the problem which presently includes the euthanizing of thousands of young, healthy cats and dogs at the city and county animal shelters and the S.P.C.A.

The Task Force will have it hands full once it is in place. There are many different views of the existing problem. On one side we have the animal activists who would like to see all breeding stopped. On the other side we have those members of the Dog and Cat Fancy who breed and shoe their animals as a hobby. Somewhere, in the middle there is a workable solution. There may have to be compromises on all sides. As times change, so do the rules that we live by and there is no doubt that times are changing.

Until the Task Force is formed, investigates the problem and returns its recommendations, there are things that we can to do beome responsible pet owners. The first and most important thing to consider is training our pets. Many pet owners have the misguided opinion that pets should be free spirits and be allowed to run free. Dogs and cats are NOT safe on our streets. They need to be protected and the best protection is to have them on leash when out (and cats can be leashed trained, too!). Other times they should be confined in a yard that is escape proof. If it is not, then construct a kennel for dogs and a cat cage for the kitties. A large, outdoor cattery built around a tree for some climbing and plenty of toys for play, will keep the cats content and safe. Periodic checks of the yard will assure that all boards are in place and that latches are secure. I've learned over the years to never take anything for granted. I even check occasionally for holes in the kennel.

When walking our dogs always leave the house with baggies or a pooper scooper so that the neighbors don't have to contend with our dog's messes. If you feel that your dog needs to run for more exercise, take a long piece of clothesline....the dog still has room to run and you still have control in order to call the dog back.

One of the most responsible acts that will benefit our pets, society and cut down the population explosion is to spay the feemales and neuter the males. I hear many excuses why people don't want to alter their pets. It is not true that all altered pets are fat and lazy. Those are conditions that are caused by lack of exercise and over-feeding and are conditions that we can control. There is some excellent literature available on the subject of spay and neuter. I will be happy to send it out to anyone who will send a stamped, self addressed envelope to me, c/o this publication.

Regarding training, while some of us are blessed with infinite patience and my have owned pets we find that training is no problem and happens in the normal course of raising our pets. For others, training is like a foreign language. Some of us also know what to do but need the discipline of a format class in order to follow through. There are dog training classes for dogs. Training cats presents more of a problem. For cat problems contact the behaviorist at U.C. Davis which include Dr. Lesle Cooper who is also available through the Sacramento Animal Medical Group at 841-2201 to answer questions or help by referring you on to someone who can answer your questions.

A disturbing phone call yesterday brought to light the fact that dognappers are preying on local pets. According to one source that finally turned to Sherlock Bones for help, they were just one of the many local pet owners whose dogs disappeared aroung the Holidays. In the case of Gordon and Kathy, their Muppy disappeared the Friday after Thanksgiving and ever since they have been sesieged with prank calls regarding their lost dog,Muppy. Muppy is a two year old Lhasa Poodle mix, white and blackear and a tan patch on his back by his tail. He had tags when he left home which is how the dognappers knew the correct number to call. However although in one instance Gordon and Kathy did wire ransom money, they have yet to have Muppy returned. If you think you have seen Muppy, call them at 961-3341.

This is another reason to check yards and make sure that dogs have no escape routes. Make sure that latches are secure and I never leave a dog that is young, cute and a possible candidate for dognapping in a front yard. Anyone can hop over a short fence. A lost or stolen pet is a source of tremendous stress and frustration. Even mixed breeds with no real financial value have great sentimental value to its owners. Keep them safe, keep them fenced and secure.

▼ religion

Fundamentalists Say God Will 'Discipline' Dannemeyer Opponent

by Keith Clark
OF MGW STAFF

SAN FRANCISCO — A fundamentalist Christian organization supporting Rep. William Dannemeyer's bid to be the Republican Party's candidate in the U.S. Senate race this year has sent another conservative Republican running against Dannemeyer a letter warning him that "God himself will take efforts to discipline" him, possibly "very forcibly," for opposing the anti-gay Dannemeyer. The candidate, William B. Allen, who is a member and former chairman of the U.S. Civil Rights Commission, says he sees the letter as an illegal threat and is planning to file a complaint with the state attorney general's office over the matter.

Allen, who is a professor of government at Harvey Mudd College in Claremont, Calif., is vying with Dannemeyer for support from ultra-conservative Republicans in an attempt to oust Sen. John Seymour, appointed to the seat by Gov. Pete Wilson after his inauguration last year.

The letter, labeled "an open letter from Christian leaders in California," was signed by Jam Grimstead of Sunnyvale, Calif., and 16 other fundamentalist and anti-abortion leaders connected with an organization called "Activists' Network." Dannemeyer, who opposes gay rights, abortion and advocates quarantine for people with HIV infection, is also a member of the steering committee of the Activists Network, although the letter pointedly notes the Orange County far-right Republican had nothing to do with it.

Allen, who once compared the movement for gay rights to the animal rights movement, said the letter violates civil rights acts and state election laws and that he would be filing a formal complaint with the state attorney general's office shortly.

At a press conference, Allen said "Speaking to the heart of the Grimstead letter, it should be stated that we do not seek the Christian nomination to the U.S. Senate, but the Republican nomination."

The letter, which Allen made public, calls Allen's opposition to Dannemeyer in the Senate race a "reckless, unaccountable, foolish path."

"We will not only work harder than ever for the Dannemeyer campaign, but we will also expose to our Christian networks the foolishness and destructiveness of your efforts and encourage them to see your campaign for what it truly is - a political abortion which can only aid, indirectly, the forces of darkness," the letter says. "We suspect that God himself will take efforts to discipline you and judge this action of yours however he sees fit. Any of us who have been disciplined by our Heavenly Father can tell you he can deal very forcibly with us."

Grimstead has not been available to comment on the letter or Allen's charges of civil rights and election law violations.▼

Catholic Anti-Defamation Group Forms, Citing 'Stop The Church'

by Keith Clark
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SAN FRANCISCO — Citing a controversial video of a gay protest at a Catholic Church in New York that showed on a few public television stations earlier this year, the former U. S. Attorney for Northern California, Joseph Russoniello, launched an organization to oppose "bigotry" against the church.

Russoniello said the new group, Catholics for Truth and Justice, would serve as a general watchdog organization to counter attacks against the Catholic Church.

He cited as an example the showing of the documentary video, "Stop the Church," on two Public Broadcasting Stations, KCET in Los Angeles and KQED in San Francisco. "Stop the Church" follows the 1989 preparations for and eventual demonstrations at New York's St. Patrick's Cathedral to protest Cardinal John O'Connor's outspoken opposition to AIDS education materials, the use of condoms, abortion and lesbian/gay rights.

The video had been scheduled to air on PBS stations in August, but network executives pulled it at the last minute saying the film was marked by a "pervasive tone of ridicule against the Catholic Church and does not reflect the kind of quality PBS has come to stand for."

Russoniello agreed and cited the video as part of the "increasing evidence... of the most vicious and clear acts of bigotry directed against the church."

Catholics for Truth and Justice, he said, would "do all in its persuasive power to expose the injustice and unfairness of personal attacks on the pope, the archbishop, Catholic laity, priests."

Russoniello, who served as the federal government's chief prosecutor in the state from Monterey County north to the Oregon border for several years, resigned last year to enter private practice. Following the 1978 assassination of Harvey Milk, Russoniello raised hackles for refusing to file federal charges against Milk's convicted murderer, Dan White.

Los Angeles Cardinal Roger Mahoney had earlier censured KCET-TV for airing "Stop the Church," calling it "hate-filled propaganda" and "Catholic-bashing."▼

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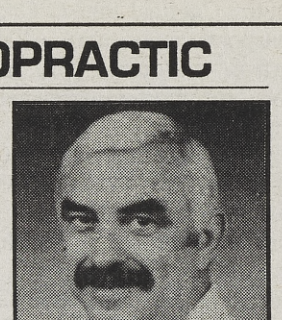

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classifieds

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Mercedes, 450SL 1974, new paint, both tops, excellent condition, $12,500. Call 973-9721. x31

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Personals-Men

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▼ calendar

FEBRUARY

▼ 1 - Saturday

Ms. Sacramento Valley Leather '92 Contest, sponsored by Sacramento Leather Association, Joseph's Town & Country, 8pm, proceeds to benefit W.E.A.V.E. and Hope House, tickets $7 advance & $10 at door, 391-8326 or 988-0920.

"Over Our Heads", comedy improv & musical troupe, presented by BACW, Central Valley, Modesto, 8pm, tickets $8 members advance, $10 non-members advance, $12 all at door, 209-527-8237.

The Blazing Redheads, The Palms in Davis, 756-9901.

Camping Women, Dance in Dutch Flats, 689-9326.

Eartha Kitt, Sacramento Symphony, Community Center Theater, 264-5181.

"Sexualities in Crisis" Conference, 9am-5pm, UC Davis Memorial Union II, 752-8986.

▼ 2 - Sunday

"Yesterday, Today & Tomorrow: A Look at 20th Century Popular American Dance,7pm, 24th St. Theatre, 2791 24th St., $10 general, $7 student/senior, $5 child, 483-4017.

▼ 5 - Wednesday

Sac Women's Network Financial Workshop, Beverly Garland Hotel, 1780 Tribute Rd, 8-11:20am, $30 members & $40 non-members, 448-8203.

New Members' Brunch, River City Democratic Club, 11am-2pm, 9171 Kinbrace Court, Ed Condon & Norman Lorenz, 682-8948.

▼ 7 - Friday

Introduction to S/M, 7-9pm, $20, pre-registration required, Good Vibrations, 1210 Valencia Street, S.F., 415-550-7399.

Women Building Wealth Conference, Canterbury Inn Conference Center, 1900 Canterbury Rd, $69, 386-0955.

▼ 8 - Saturday

Crocker Art Promoters 4th Annual Red & White Party, 8pm-midnight, Crocker Art Museum Ballroom, 216 O St, $15 members & $17 non-members, 444-7500.

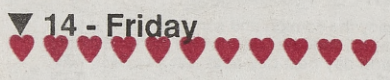
▼ 9 - Sunday

Poetry, Time Tested Books, $2-$5, 1114 21st St, Sac, 447-5696.

▼ 13 - Thursday

Bloody Poetry, 8pm, Playwrights Theatre, 6000 J St, $7 general & $4 students, 278-6604.

▼ 14 - Friday



▼ 15 - Saturday

Bear Expo '92, convention & exposition, thru Feb 17, bears from all over the world, Holiday Inn Golden Gateway, S.F., 415-647-9127.

Winter Magic, Sacramento Ballet, 2pm & 8pm, 449-5181.

Women Making Music Retreat, Valley of the Moon Campground, thru Feb 17, $125-$200, 622-8690.

Valentine's Erotica Ball, formal/costume, 8pm, Capitol Plaza Halls, 1025 9th St, $30 ea.or 2/$50 advance, $35 door, 457-5830.

▼ 16 - Sunday

Leather Daddy & Daddy's Boy Contest, Wreck Room, 10:30pm, Free, 456-1610.

▼ 17 - Monday

Womens Group for Survivors of Sexual Abuse, 6:30-8:30pm, facilititator: Melinda Facelli, MFCC INTERN (#IMF15850), 783-0579.

▼ 18 - Tuesday

Common Sense Dog Training, Southside Pool Bldg, 6th & T, 925-7355.

Erotic Reading Circle, women only, free, 7-9pm, Good Vibrations, 1210 Valencia St, S.F., 415-550-7399.

PFLAG Meeting, 7:30pm, Christian Education Bldg, St. Marks United Methodist Church, 2391 St. Mark's Way, 665-1050.

▼ 20 - Thursday

Common Sense Dog Training, Curtis Park, Sutterville & E. Curtis at 10th, 925-7355.

Bloody Poetry, (See Feb. 13)

▼ 21 - Friday

Bloody Poetry, (See Feb. 13)

▼ 23 - Sunday

Poetry, Time Tested Books, $2-$5, 1114 21st St, Sac, 447-5696.

▼ 24 - Monday

Common Sense Dog Training, Johnson-Springview Park, Rocklin, 925-7355.

▼ 26 - Wednesday

Fifth Annual Lake Tahoe AIDS Task Force Benefit, Caesars Tahoe, 7pm, $10, (916) 542-0131.

▼ 29 - Saturday

"Music from California and the Pacific Rim", Camellia Symphony, Hiram Johnson Auditorium, 65th St Expressway & 14th Ave, 8pm, 344-5844.

MARCH

▼ 8 - Sunday

Poetry, Time Tested Books, $2-$5, 1114 21st St, Sac, 447-5696.

▼ 11 - Wednesday

Common Sense Dog Training, La Sierra, 925-7355.

▼ 12 - Thursday

Heart Strings 1992 National Tour, a project of The Design Industries Foundation For AIDS (DIFFA), 8pm, Sacramento Convention Center.

Good Vibrations 15th Anniversary Bash, 7-10pm, 1210 Valencia St, S.F., 415-550-7399.

▼ 14 - Saturday

Learning to Make a Difference, Sacramento Family Community Leadership, Topics: How to run an effective meeting & Communication—listening & feedback, $5, 9am-12 noon, Cooperative Extension, 4145 Branch Center Rd, Sac 95827, 336-2013.

▼ 16 - Monday

Roller Skating Party, Sponsored by Saga IV, King's Skate Country, 2900 Bradshaw Rd at Hwy 50, 8:30pm-10:30pm, $5 includes skate rentals, Keith Thomas, 455-0986.

▼ 22 - Sunday

Poetry, Time Tested Books, $2-$5, 1114 21st St, Sac, 447-5696.

▼ 27 - Friday

Desert Shore Campout, Dinah Shore Weekend 1992, Lake Cahuilla County Park, thru Mar 29, $65 camping fee, $10 day use, RW Productions, 619-343-2207.

Tony (Scott Vance), the husband, and Max (Stephen Brewster), his wife's secret lover, play a deadly game in the thriller *DIAL "M" FOR MURDER*, through March 15 at GARBEAU'S DINNER THEATRE

APRIL

▼ 5 - Sunday

Tim Warford Memorial Bowlathon to "STRIKE OUT AIDS", sponsored by LAMBDA Community Center and Sacramento AIDS Foundation, Land Park Bowl, afternoon, 442-0185.

▼ 11 - Saturday

"Camping Women", Apr 11-19, National Camping Women Desert Caravan Trip to San Felipe, Baja CA, 638-4749.

▼ 24 - Friday

Romeo & Juliet, Sacramento Ballet, 8pm, 449-5181.

▼ 25 - Saturday

Romeo & Juliet, Sacramento Ballet, 2pm & 8pm, 449-5181.

MAY

▼ 30 - Saturday

CAP PAC Annual Dinner, Sacramento Community Center.

JULY

▼ 8 - Wednesday

14th National Lesbian & Gay Health Conference & 10th Annual AIDS/HIV Forum, Los Angeles Airport Hilton & Towers, (202) 797-3708 or (202) 667-9778.

▼ 11 - Saturday

Camping Women, River float, 689-9326 or 638-4749.

▼GALLERIES

Theatre in Revolution: Russian Avant-Garde Stage Design 1913-1935, M.H. deYoung Museum, SF, thru Feb 16, 1992, 415-750-3636

Crocker Art Museum, Wed thru Sun., 10 am-5 pm. Extended hours Thurs til 9 pm 1421 K Street, 449-6711.

Suzanne Siegal, Virginia Stearns & Katherine Wells, sculptors explore the female body, Matrix Members' Gallery, 1725 I St, thru Feb 14, 441-4818.

Anita Lee, designer of elegant jewelry & fiber wall sculpture, Matrix Members' Gallery.

Gregory (watercolors), **Lecompte** (Acrylic on canvas), **Monson** (Acrylic on canvas), **Davis** (Porcelain sculpture), Spectrum Himovitz Gallery, 511 Harrison, S.F., thru Feb 29, (415) 495-1113.

Landscapes & Figures, John Natsoulas Gallery, thru Feb 2, 140 F St, Davis, 756-3938.

March On Washington, April 25, 1993. Plan to be there!

TV Watching

"Being Gay Today"— weekly new one-hour gay & lesbian programming airs on Channel 18 on Tuesdays from 10-11pm and is repeated on Thursdays 9-10pm.

▼THEATRE

Bus Stop, Mar 20-May 10, Garbeau's Dinner Theatre, 12401 Folsom Blvd, Rancho Cordova, 985-6361.

Dial M For Murder, thru March 15, Wed-Sat 8pm, Sun 12:20pm & 7pm, $14.50-$18.50, Garbeau's Dinner Theatre, 12401 Folsom Blvd, Rancho Cordova, 985-6361.

Fifth of July, Sacramento Theatre Co., continues to Feb 16, $11-$21, 1419 H St., 443-6722.

"The Frogs and Other Tales", for children, B Street Theatre, Jan 25, Feb 8 , 15, 22 & 29, Mar 7, 1pm, children $4, adults $8, 442-5635.

Godspell, directed by Donna J. Sparks, sponsored by Sacramento City Actors Theatre, Art Court Theatre, Sacramento City College, Sat & Sun, Mar 6-28, 8pm, 449-7228.

Greater Tuna, national hit comedy Feb 11 thru April 5th, 24th Street Theater, 557-1999.

La Cage Aux Folles, thru Feb 9, Davis Musical Theatre, 2121 2nd St., Davis, 756-3682.

Leesha Divar (Singing, Comedy), Our Place, Thursday Nights, 8:30-10:30 pm, 649-8420.

Levitation, Lambda Community Center, Sat & Sun nights 8:15pm, May 23-June 21.

Men of Manhattan, Lambda Community Center, 1931 L St., Sat & Sun nights, 8:15pm, March 21-April 19.

The Odd Couple, thru April 11, Fri & Sat, 8:30pm, $10, Stagedoor Comedy Playhouse, 2120 Royale Rd, 927-0942.

Oklahoma, Fri & Sat 8:15pm, Sun 2:15pm, $10 general, $8 students/seniors, Davis Musical Theatre, 2121 2nd St, Davis, 756-3682.

Original Script, Lambda Community Center, 1931 L St., Sat & Sun nights 8:15pm, July 25-Aug 23.

Romeo Juliette, Feb 28, Sacramento Opera, Sac Community/Convention Center, 13th & L Sts, 264-5181.

Sleeping Beauty, Act III in Winter Magic, Feb 14 & 15, $6-$35, 264-5181 or 736-2866.

The Three Penny Opera, Thurs-Sat 8pm, Sun 2:30pm, $8 general, $5 students/CSUS Alumni SARTA, CSUS Theatre, 6000 J. St, 278-6604.

Voices at the Crossroads, Lambda Community Center, 1931 L St, $8 advance, $10 at door, Sat & Sun 8:15pm thru Feb 16, 654-0163 or 444-6893.

Winter Magic, Sacramento Ballet, Feb 14 & 15, Fri. 8pm, Sat 2pm, Sacramento Community/Convention Center Theater, 13th & L Sts, 264-5181.

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